

PROJECT THEME: BEAUTY

Featuring artist Ebony G. Patterson from the exhibition [*Serious Sparkle*](#)



Ebony G. Patterson, *Untitled (Blingas 1)*, 2008, from the series *Gangstas for Life*, mixed media on hand-cut paper, 60 x 44 inches, courtesy of the Irurre Savic Collection, Korea and Switzerland, and Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago

LOOK

The Tang Museum is dedicated to art and ideas. All art can spark new ideas and inspire creativity!

1. Look closely: Look at Ebony G. Patterson's *Untitled (Blingas 1)*, pictured on the previous page.

2. What do you notice? Take a few minutes to write or discuss what you see. What do you recognize? Where do you think the person is? What unusual features do you see on the figure's face? What materials do you think the artist used?

3. Reflect: Have you ever made a portrait of yourself or someone else? Is this portrait similar to portraits you have seen? Is it different? If you were to make a portrait, would it look like this one?

MAKE

Art Projects—feel free to be flexible with these ideas!

Materials: Pencil, collage, magazines, markers, cardstock paper, construction paper—use whatever you have available!

1. Portrait

Patterson's work of art explores the beauty of people she knows from Jamaica. Her ideas about beauty may be different from yours. How do you define beauty? Is it about looks? Is it about thoughts and feelings? Or something else? Make a self-portrait or a portrait of a literary character that visually represents your ideas. The portrait can be figurative or abstract!

2. Advertisement

Advertisements often use ideas of beauty to help sell things. What if you made an advertisement about your own ideas of beauty? Using images from magazines or the web, create a collage that represents your ideas of beauty.

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