

## Family First Sunday November: Pop Art Portraits



Today we will be learning about the artist Andy Warhol and his work. You might be familiar with the term, “Pop Art” which was used to describe his colorful prints. Pop art was an art movement that started in the late 1950's. It challenged traditional art by focusing on images from popular and mass culture i.e. comics, advertisements, celebrities, etc. Pop Art often uses bright colors and sharp lines to capture people's attention.

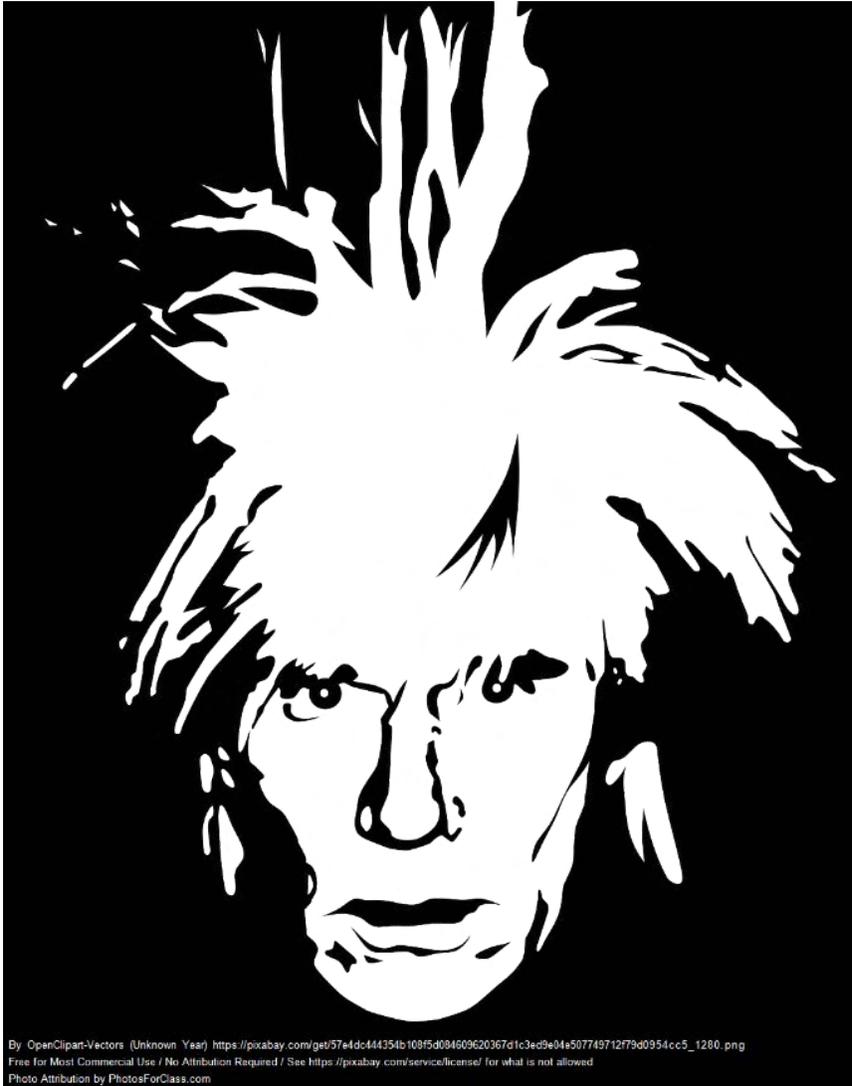
Our do-it-yourself project is inspired by two of Warhol's prints from the UCR ARTS collection. After learning about Andy Warhol and the pop art movement, you can make your own pop art portraits using the instructions below!



Andy Warhol was the son of immigrants. His parents moved to New York City from Slovakia in the 1920's. Andy took his first job illustrating for fashion magazines. The popular images of models, fine clothing, and other products would heavily influence his art work. When Warhol decided to create art, he was inspired by popular culture. Popular culture is anything a lot of people really like and promote like Coca Cola, pop stars, and fashion brands. Warhol started out by making prints of Campbell's soup, a popular

brand in the United States. In fact, he claimed that he ate Campbell's Tomato soup everyday for lunch for 20 years!

Image: Andy Warhol, *Campbells Soup, Consomme (Beef)*, 1968, Silkscreen, Gift of Ernest and Elaine Nagamatsu.



Andy Warhol had a very interesting style. He had bright, white hair and wore lots of black clothing. He dressed up and experimented with his look and made a lot of self-portraits. A self-portrait is a picture, painting, or sculpture of an artist made by that artist.

Warhol liked to use bright colors and made silkscreen prints. He liked that he could mass produce pictures through silkscreen printing. He based a

lot of his prints on famous celebrities like the actress Marilyn Monroe and the Queen of England.



Warhol was inspired by the vibrant city of Los Angeles. He loved things that were beautiful, modern, and changed quickly. We hope that after today's projects, you will find out what inspires you!

## Activity 1: Queen Elizabeth II-Inspired Tissue Paper Portrait

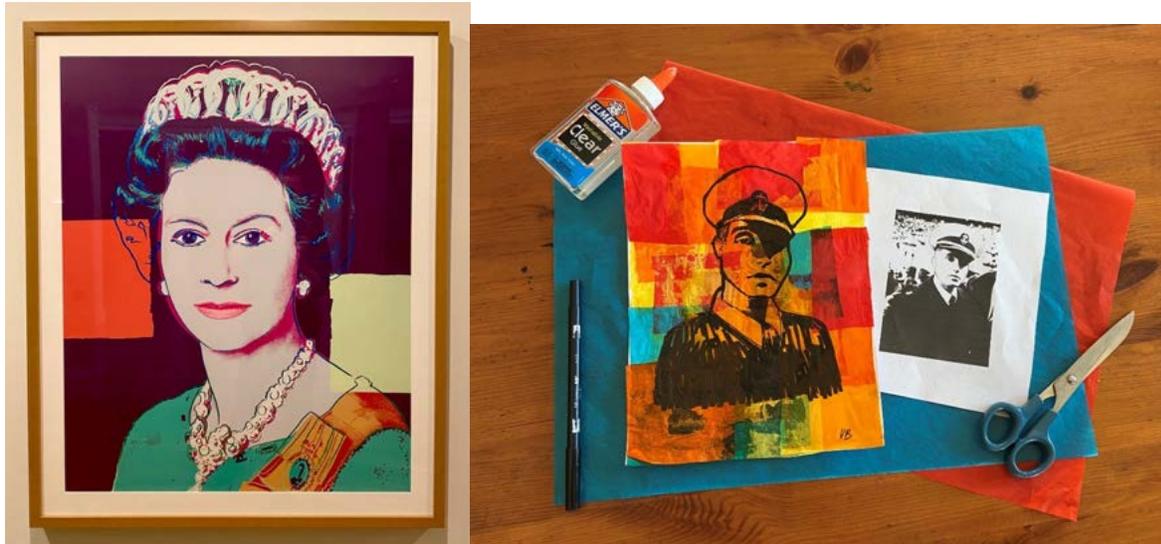


Image: Andy Warhol, *Queen Elizabeth II*, 1985, Screenprint, Gift of the Andy Warhol Foundation for Visual Arts, Inc.

### Supplies for the Queen Elizabeth II-Inspired Portrait:

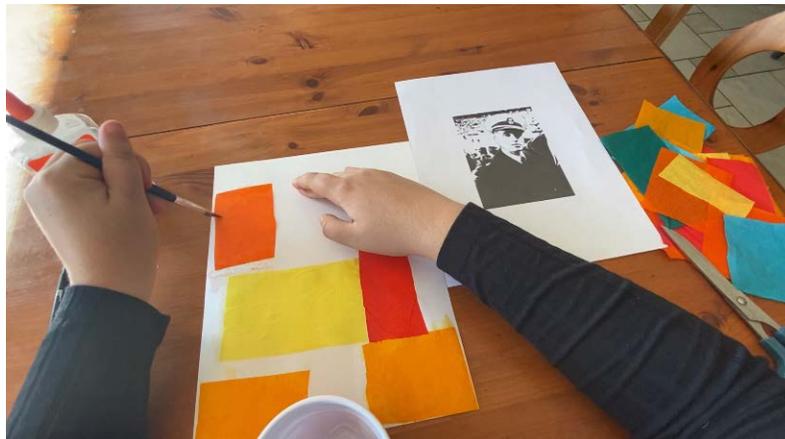
- Cardstock, colorful tissue paper (cut into small squares)
- School glue
- A paint brush
- A black marker
- A picture of your choice to make the portrait. It can be a friend, family member, your personal hero, or yourself (for a self-portrait)!

### Instructions:

- 1) Take a few sheets of tissue paper and cut them into small/medium squares or rectangles.



- 2) With a piece of card stock as the base, use a paint brush and apply glue onto your cardstock.



- 3) Next, layer your pieces of tissue paper as you see fit (think colorful and larger than life!).



4) Once the tissue paper has dried, take a black marker and draw your portrait.



5) Voila! Your very own Warhol-inspired picture.



## Activity 2: Annie Oakley-Inspired Watercolor Portrait



Left Image: Andy Warhol, *Annie Oakley*, 1986, screenprint, Gift of The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Inc.

### Supplies for the Annie Oakley-Inspired Portrait:

- Cardstock in a fun color
- Glue stick
- A printer and printer paper (if you don't have a printer, you can draw a portrait in pencil then outline in black marker)
- Watercolor paints, paint brushes and cup of water

### Instructions:

- 1) With your parent's permission, find a picture of someone you look up to and print the picture in black and white (if you don't have access to a printer, you can look at a picture as you draw).

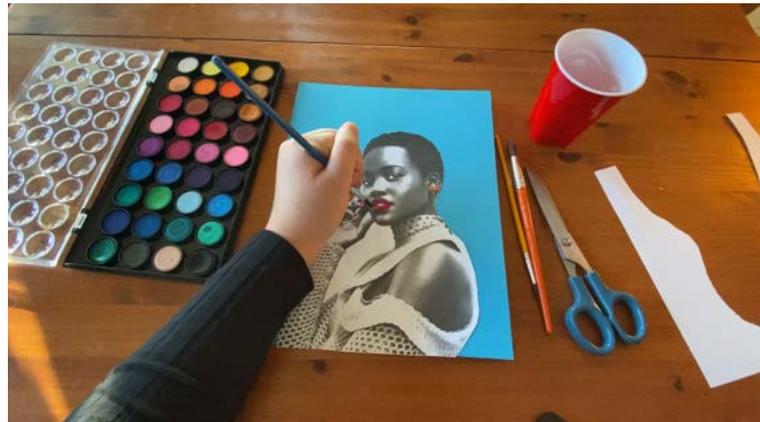


2) Next, cut out the picture and glue it onto your card stock base with a glue stick.





- 3) Get out your paints, brushes and a cup of water (make sure you set up some newspaper underneath so as not to make a mess!).



- 4) Choosing wild and bright colors, paint over your image Warhol-style.



- 5) Allow to dry and present to your friends and family!



Thank you for joining us and see you at the next Family First Sunday at UCR ARTS!

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