

Drawing your Self-Portrait

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You will need:

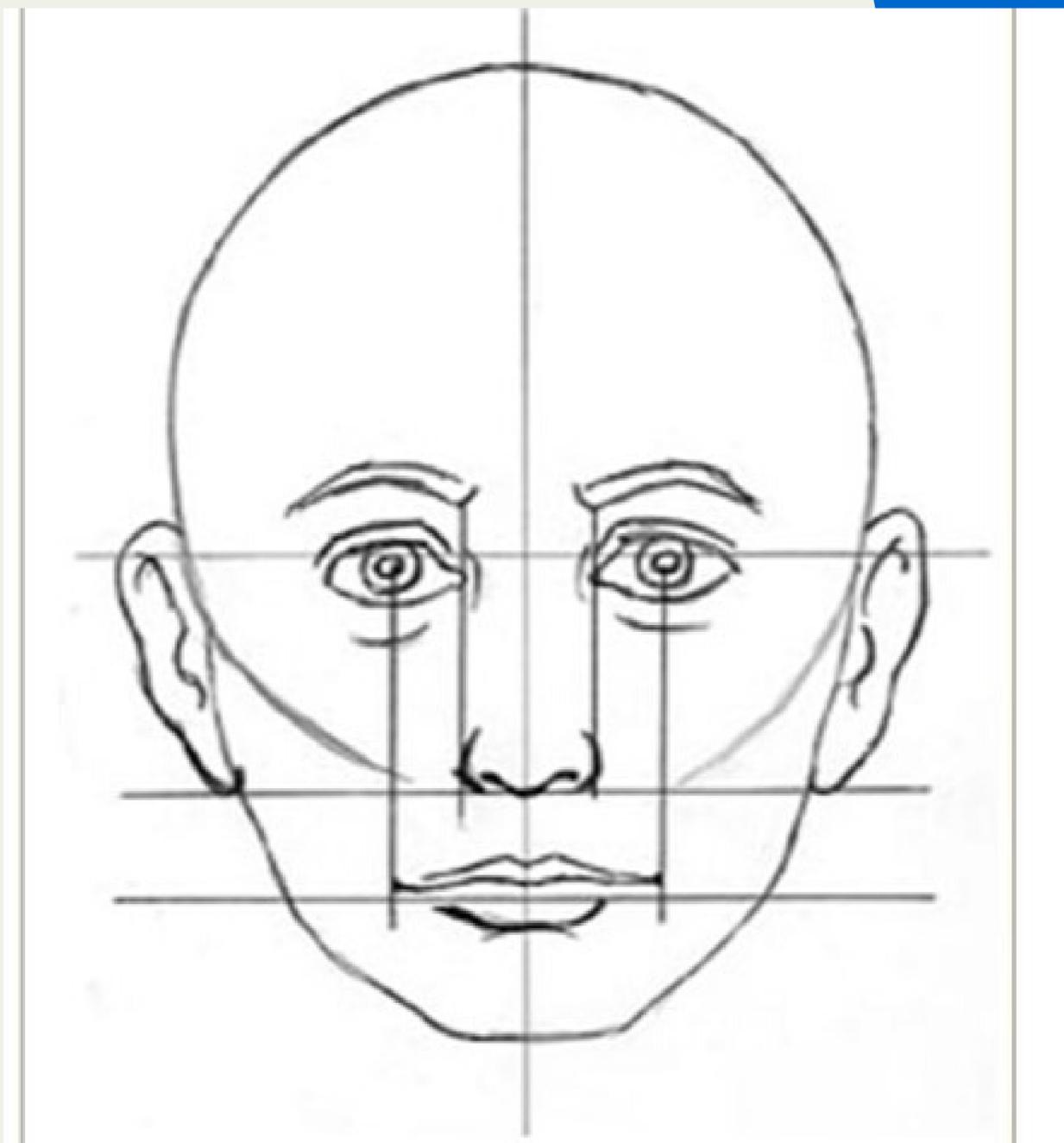
- A mirror
- Something to draw with - coloured pencils, pencil, charcoal, pastels, pens, paint
- A sketch pad or paper



Top tips!:

Helpful measurements to look out for:

- Your eyes are half way down your head
- The top of your ears are in line with your eyes
- The width of one eye generally fits about five times across your face
- Check where the side of your nose and mouth are in line with your eyes
- Keep adjusting as you go, as you put more into your drawing you might spot earlier mistakes
- Don't worry about mistakes, they can help you to see where your mark should have been
- Spend more time looking in the mirror than looking at the paper. Try to just glance down quickly.



Step 1

Look, think about the shapes you can see. Look at the unique shape of your head and your ears, nose, eyes and mouth

Step 2

Make a light mark at the top of your head and at your chin. Check you are happy with the position

Step 3

Still pressing lightly, connect the two marks by drawing the outside shape of your face. Think about the different shapes you saw in step 1.

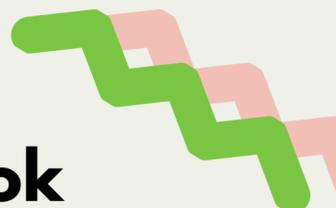




Step 4

Marking where the eyes are, measure half way between the top of your head and the chin (you can draw a light line if you like). Look at how wide one of your eyes is and check if you can fit this length across your face five times. Mark the corners of your eyes first, then sketch in the shape of your eye.

You can lightly mark where the eyebrows are now or glasses if you are wearing them!



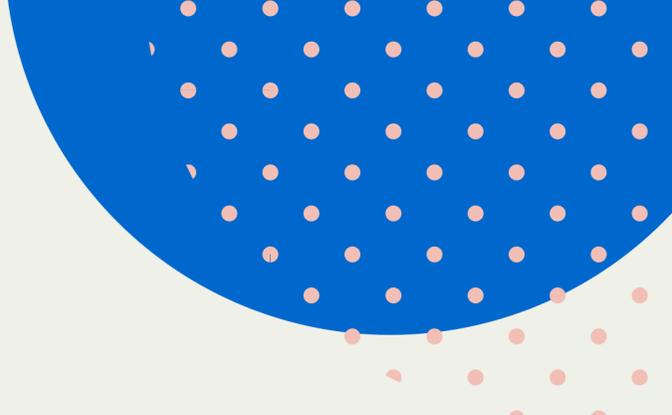
Step 5

Drop down from the eyes to draw the nose. Look where the sides of your nose line up with your eyes. Only draw the line at the for the bottom of your nose and nostrils.

Step 6

Look at where the edges of your mouth line up with your eyes. Check the distance your mouth comes from your chin and down from your nose. Start by drawing the line between your lips? Is your line quite straight or does it go up and down? Where do your lips start on this line, lightly sketch in your lips.





Step 7

Draw in your hair, think about the shape and texture of your hair as you are drawing.

Step 8

Now you have got the main features in can you spot any adjustments you need to make? If you are happy you can make some of the lines clearer and add more detail.



Step 9

Time to have fun with colour and bring out the areas of light and dark in your face. Dark lines will bring things to the front so think about what you want to draw attention to.

