

# R|A|M

## Expressive Self Portrait

Create your own expressive self portrait inspired by Peruvian-American artist Kukuli Velarde, whose work is currently on display in *Playful/Pensive: Contemporary Artists and Contemporary Issues* at RAM. In her ceramic work, Velarde addresses the complexities of colonization and identity while focusing on Latin American history as a point of reference. She describes her work as “the reality with which I am familiar.” Take inspiration from Velarde’s expressive and meaningful work by choosing a facial expression or color scheme that evokes a specific feeling or emotion within yourself.



Kukuli Velarde

*Najallota Insolente Playfully disobedient. Does not believe in hierarchies, la hija de la gran...Maya. Mexico, 750 BC*  
from the *Plunder Me, Baby Series*, 2006

Terracotta and paint

Racine Art Museum, Gift of Karen Johnson Boyd

Photography: Jon Bolton



Kukuli Velarde

*India Pacharaca (Cupinisque, Peru, 1000 B.C.) Taciturn, Abruptly Violent, Enjoys Rough Handling*  
from the *Plunder Me, Baby Series*, 2007

Painted black earthenware

Racine Art Museum, Gift of Devra Breslow

Photography: Jon Bolton



### Supplies

- Pencil
- Paper
- Colored pencils, markers, crayons etc.
- Photograph

### Instructions

1. Take an expressive photo of yourself.
2. Print it out for reference.
3. Sketch your self portrait onto your paper using a pencil.
4. Color in your expressive portrait using bold, meaningful colors.

### Example of finished project

