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Zero Waste Abstract Self-Portrait Collage

Collage and draw an abstract portrait of yourself using recycled paper. Take inspiration from artist and educator Russell T. Gordon's piece, *Fine Fellow Fedora*, to create an abstract representation of yourself!



Materials

- Found papers like newspapers, magazines, mail advertisements, construction paper—anything that ends up in the recycling bin
- Drawing and painting materials such as crayons or markers
- Scissors
- Glue

Russell T. Gordon

Fine Fellow Fedora, 1986

Pastel, color pencil, and acrylic paint on paper
39 5/8 x 31 11/16 inches

Racine Art Museum, Gift of Charles Bronfman's
Claridge Collection, Montreal

Photography: Jon Bolton

Instructions

- Gather papers from your recycling bin, like newspaper, advertisements, old mail, magazines, package labels, etc.
- Rip and tear different papers into different shapes to create a 2D face. Add eyes, eyebrows, nose, mouth, chin, teeth—any facial elements you wish!
- Arrange them onto a paper and glue down.
- Add more details with markers, crayons, pens, or other drawing tools. Add patterns and textures to make the piece even more unique.
- Are you wearing a hat or jewelry? Try representing that in your portrait!