

More Fun with Portraits + Easy Peasy Book



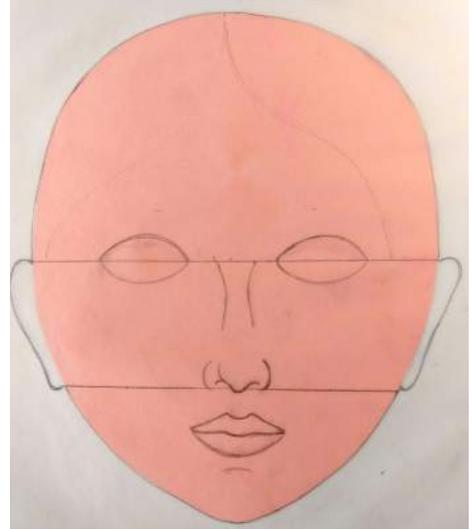
Last week, we had fun using natural objects such as flowers, leaves and shells to make portraits. We started with a construction paper cutout of a face, placed the objects on top, snapped a picture, rearranged them, took another picture and on and on. This week, we will continue working with wacky portraits, but you will have the option of gluing down your features and keeping your results. We will use cutouts from magazines (you can also download pictures of faces you find online or even mix and match family photos) and arrange them on a blank construction paper face. Afterwards, you can combine these portraits with print outs of last week's pictures and create a book. An easy peasy handmade book project follows the portrait instructions.



Supplies:

- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Cutouts from magazines or downloaded images
- Glue stick

Procedure: Draw a large egg-shape for the face on a piece of construction paper. Cut it out. If you are going to put your portrait in a book, make sure it will fit. Last week, we mentioned that a person's eyes are *halfway* down their face. You can look at this simple drawing as a guide when you start to place your features (no need to draw them first). Keep in mind that most people place the eyes up too high because they know that the eyes are above all the other facial features, but people have big brains that take up a lot of space behind their foreheads. Take a look in the mirror or look at a family member to notice this! Also, be sure to leave some room at the bottom of your face for a chin. Note that the ears line up with the middle of the eyes and the bottom of the nose.



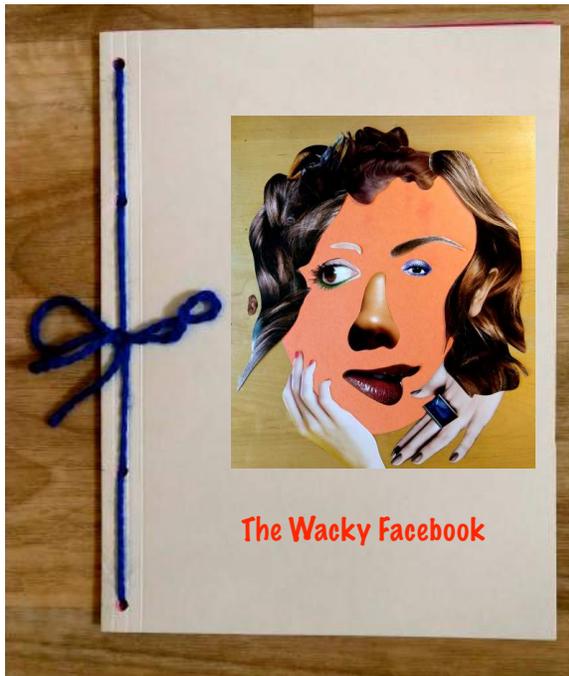
Cut out lots of features so that you can mix them up on your construction paper. You may want to make a whole pile to choose from. For the most fun, mix up colors, sizes and angles of features. Take some time to arrange your features before you glue them down. Try doing this as a family activity. You might even play a little game adding and subtracting features. Might someone have two mouths? Yikes!!

Make as many wacky faces as you like.

Once you have a lots of great faces, consider putting them together into a book. If you take pictures of your work, you can make multiple books: they make great gifts for relatives far away!

The following book uses a manila folder for the cover. Manila folders are great because they have three vertical lines on the left that are easily foldable. See directions on the next page.

Easy Peasy Sewn Book



Supplies:

Manila folder
Construction paper
Pencil
Scissors
Ruler
Hole puncher
40" of yarn
Plastic needle

Procedure: Trim your manila folder to measure approximately 11" by 8 ¼". Make sure you trim off any tabs so that you have a nice smooth-edged rectangle. Cut your construction paper pages to be just slightly smaller so they won't stick out past the edges of your cover.

Use your ruler to make the following measurements on the lefthand (folded) size of your folder (the folded side is called the "spine"):

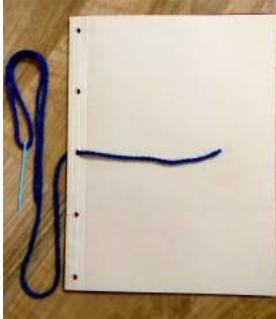
½" from the top
3" from the top
5 ½" from the top
8" from the top
10 ½" from the top

Note the three vertical fold lines on the folder. Fold your book cover back along the third line. This will allow you to open your book easily once it is put together.

Make a dot between the first and second fold lines opposite each dot that you drew along the spine.

Place your hole puncher above each dot so that it is centered and punch out a hole. When you have finished, slide your construction paper inside your book, making sure that the left-hand side lines up against the spine, and make a dot in the middle of each

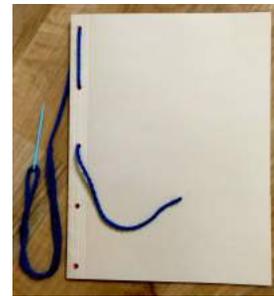
punch out on the construction paper below. Remove from the book and punch out as you did the manila folder—with the dot visible in the center of the hole puncher “window.” Once you have made holes in all your sheets, you are ready to sew the book up. Slide the sheets into the book so that all the holes line up.



Thread your needle with the yarn. Pass the needle through the middle hole on the **front**, leaving about 6” worth of thread for tying the book together at the end.

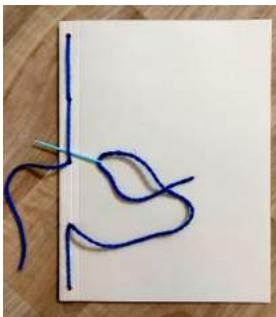
Sew **up** along the **back** and come out at the next hole up. Sew **up** along the **front** to the top hole.

Sew **down** the **back** and come back out the second hole—be careful not to split the yarn that is already there as you pass through. Sew **down** the **front** to the middle hole.



Sew **down** the **back** to the next hole down. Sew **down** the **front** to the bottom hole.

Sew **up** the **back** to the next hole up. Sew **up** the **front** to the middle hole.



Carefully wind your needle through the stitch between the middle hole and the next hole up. This will stabilize your sewing.

Slide the needle off the yarn and tie a double knot and then a bow on top. Trim off any excess yarn.

Next week, we will play some more with cutouts and learn how to make a new no-sew book.

