

# Create with MAG&M

## Online Creative Learning Activities and Experiences

### **Portraits Project For ages 6 - 11**

Placing the artist at the centre of our 90 years' celebrations, Manly Art Gallery & Museum is developing an exhibition called the 'Portraits Project' which will be a powerful expression of the artists connected with this region. It will be presented from 8 August - 18 October 2020.

One part of the exhibition will be a series of portrait photographs by Greg Weight who has been 'behind the scenes' to photograph our famous artists in their studios around Sydney's Northern Beaches.

The other part of the project will see the creation of fifteen self-portrait paintings by celebrated painters in the field, all of whom have connections with the area.

**Creative Challenge #1:**  
**Create an artwork that shows two portraits in one, using a painting by Kathrin Longhurst and photograph by Greg Weight as your inspiration.**

#### **Manly Art Gallery & Museum**

West Esplanade Reserve, Manly NSW  
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This is a photograph of artist Kathrin Longhurst in front of one of her large portrait paintings of her daughter. It was taken by photographer Greg Weight in 2020.

Notice the soft tones in her painting. It appears almost monochromatic (using only one colour).

## Task

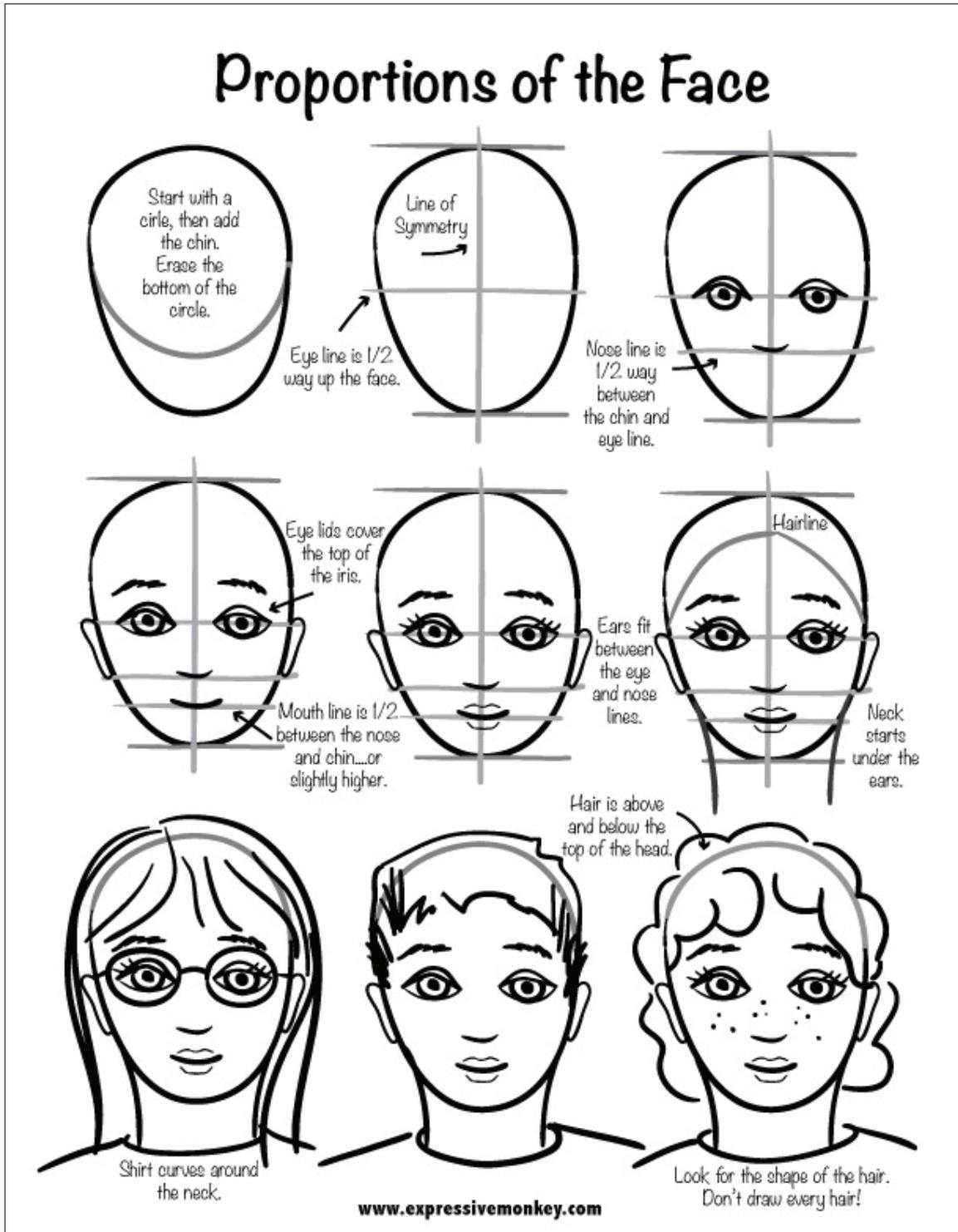
Create a monochromatic portrait painting that is large and fills the page.

Then, take a photograph of yourself, cut it out and glue it on top of the painted portrait so you appear to be positioned in front of your artwork (as in this photo of Kathrin).

## Step 1 - draw a portrait

Using these step by step suggestions, practice drawing a portrait of yourself (or of someone in your family) and make sure it fills the whole page (A3 size would be good).

Begin with an oval shape and make sure your eyes are in the middle of the oval shape.



## Step 2 - transfer the drawing

Once you have a drawing that you are happy with, draw it again onto a canvas or a board, or your good piece of paper.



## Step 3 - paint your portrait

Plan the colour you would like to paint with - will you make your colour soft with many different greys (like Kathrin Longhurst) or will you use a few different colours?

Try to blend your colours with your brush and make the surface very smooth. (Kathrin paints artworks that almost look like a photo because she has removed all the brush marks by blending the paint until it is smooth).

The colours also gradually blend from dark to light, just like the example here. Practice blending on a separate page before you begin painting your portrait.

**Tip:** If you do not have paint, you can draw a large monochromatic portrait using your lead pencils.

## Step 4

Photograph yourself as an artist, print it, cut it out and glue it on top of the painted portrait so you appear to be positioned in front of your artwork.

## We would love to see what you create

Once you have finished your artwork:

1. take a photo of it
2. share it on Instagram with #createmagam or
3. email it to [artgallery@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](mailto:artgallery@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au) and we can share it for you.

Please include your name and age in the email.