



## Introduction to Mixed Media

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*Welcome to the world of mixed media art! Mixed media art is a type of art that combines different materials and techniques to create a unique and exciting artwork. In this welcome pack, we will explore the basics of mixed media art and self-portraiture, and provide you with activities and exercises to help you get started.*

### What is Mixed Media Art?

Mixed media art is a type of art that combines different materials and techniques, such as paint, markers, glue, scissors, and fabric, to create a unique artwork. Mixed media art allows artists to experiment with different textures, colors, and patterns, creating complex and layered artworks.

## Self-Portraiture Basics

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*Self-portraiture is the practice of creating artworks that depict the artist themselves. Self-portraiture allows artists to explore their own identity, emotions, and experiences, creating deeply personal and meaningful artworks.*

### Why Create a Self-Portrait?

Creating a self-portrait can help you express yourself and convey your personality, emotions, and experiences. It can also help you develop your artistic skills and techniques, and provide a fun and creative way to explore your identity.

## Exploring Texture and Color

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*Texture and color are two important elements in mixed media art. Texture refers to the surface quality or "feel" of an artwork, while color refers to the use of different hues and shades to create mood and atmosphere.*

### Activity: Exploring Texture

1. Collect different materials, such as paper, fabric, and found objects, and create a texture collage.
2. Experiment with different textures, such as smooth, rough, and soft.
3. Write a short paragraph describing your favorite texture and why you like it.

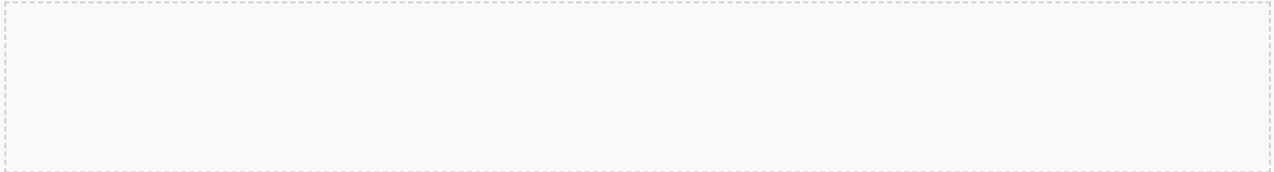
## Creating a Mixed Media Self-Portrait

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*Now it's time to create your own mixed media self-portrait! Use the materials and techniques you have learned about in this welcome pack to create a unique and exciting artwork.*

### Step-by-Step Guide

1. Start by drawing a self-portrait using a pencil or marker.
2. Add color and texture to your self-portrait using paint, markers, or collage.
3. Experiment with different materials and techniques, such as layering or embossing.
4. Write a short paragraph describing your self-portrait and what it means to you.

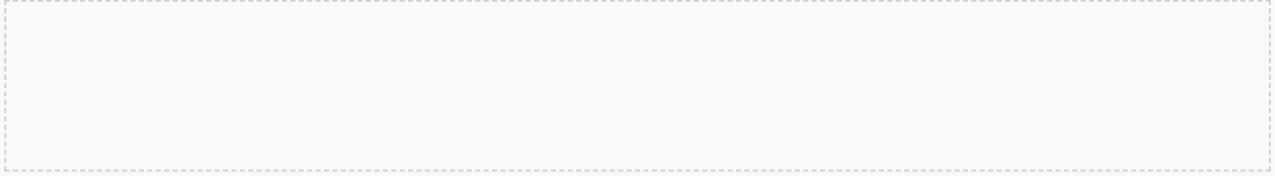
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## Activities and Exercises

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*Here are some more activities and exercises to help you develop your mixed media skills:*

- Create a mixed media collage using recycled materials.
- Experiment with different art techniques, such as stamping or stenciling.
- Create a series of self-portraits using different materials and techniques.



## Glossary of Art Terms

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*Here are some important art terms to know:*

- Mixed media: a type of art that combines different materials and techniques.
- Self-portraiture: the practice of creating artworks that depict the artist themselves.
- Texture: the surface quality or "feel" of an artwork.
- Color: the use of different hues and shades to create mood and atmosphere.

## Tips for Parents and Teachers

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*Here are some tips for parents and teachers to help support your child's or student's learning:*

- Encourage experimentation and creativity.
- Provide a variety of materials and techniques for students to try.
- Offer feedback and guidance, but also allow students to make their own decisions and take risks.

## Conclusion

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*Congratulations on completing this welcome pack! We hope you have learned something new and had fun exploring the world of mixed media art and self-portraiture.*



## Assessment and Evaluation

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*Here are some questions to help you assess and evaluate your learning:*

1. What did you learn about mixed media art and self-portraiture?
2. What materials and techniques did you use to create your self-portrait?
3. What challenges did you face, and how did you overcome them?

## Next Steps

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*Here are some next steps to continue your learning:*

- Create a new mixed media artwork using a different technique or material.
- Experiment with different art styles, such as abstract or realistic.
- Share your artwork with others and ask for feedback and suggestions.

We hope you have enjoyed this welcome pack and will continue to explore the world of mixed media art and self-portraiture!

