

How To Draw A Self Portrait: For Kids!

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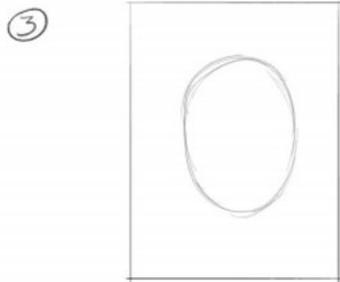
How to Draw a Self-Portrait Instructions

Things You'll Need

- Mirror
- Sketchbook or paper
- Pencil, Colored Pencil, Watercolor (optional)

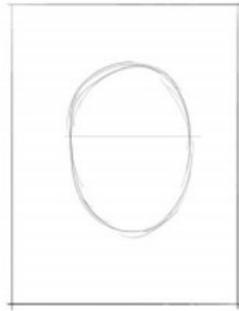
Self-portraits are common among artists, possibly because you don't have to pay yourself to sit for a portrait and you're always available. Plus, you've probably looked at your face about a million times and are very familiar with your features and facial expressions. Self-portraits also make a valuable record for yourself over time. Your interpretation of yourself says a lot about your state of mind, life and development.

Create a comfortable setup. If you have an empty corner of a room, put the mirror against one wall and your paper against the other wall.



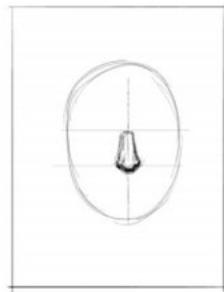
Begin with the shape of your head; determine if it is oval, round or squarish. Your head shape should fill the center of the paper.

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Draw a light line across the center of your head shape, where your eyes should go. Observe whether your eyes are narrow, almond-shaped or tired. Eyes contribute a lot to facial expressions.

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Add your nose. Remember that shading is more important than lines when drawing a nose. The end of the nose should be about halfway between the midline (where your eyes are) and the chin.

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Add your mouth; the expression you use for your mouth will largely determine the feel of the self-portrait. Like the nose, use shading more than lines.

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Add ears. The top of the ears should correspond with the height of your eyes. The bottom of your ears will probably come down to about the tip of your nose. Consider your hair when you sketch your ears.

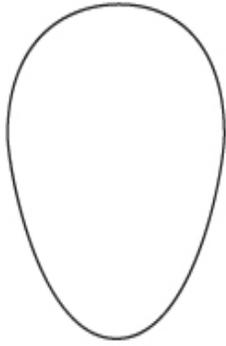
Add hair. Don't forget to notice your part, shading, texture and volume.



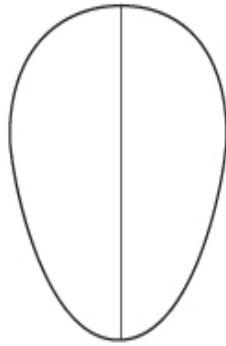
Return to all the features you have previously sketched and flesh them out with shading, adding shadows and erasing lines you don't need.

Use watercolor or chalk to add color to your self-portrait.

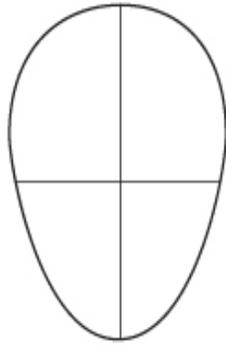
Proportions of the Face



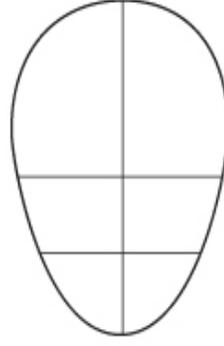
To begin drawing a portrait you will first need to draw an egg shape. Remember that the narrow part of the egg points down as this will become the chin.



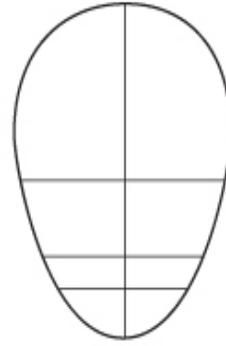
Draw a line vertically right through the centre of the egg. This line will make sure that you line up the nose, mouth and eyes correctly.



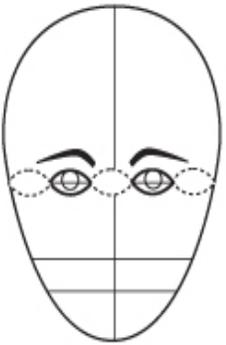
Draw a horizontal line half way down the egg. This is where the eyes and top of the ears will go.



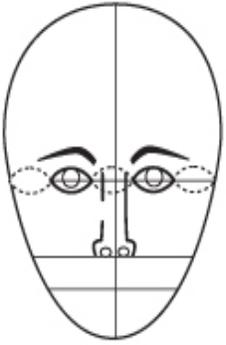
Half way between the eye line and the chin draw a second horizontal line. This is where the bottom of the nose and ears will go.



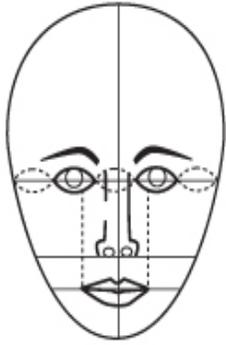
A third of the way down from the nose line draw a third horizontal line. This is where the mouth will go.



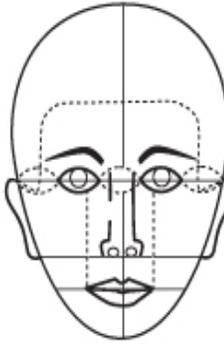
Draw in the eyes with the corners on the line. To ensure the eyes are the correct size you should be able to fit five equal eye widths across the head.



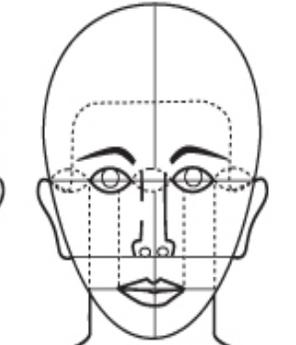
Draw the bottom of the nose. The nostrils should rest on the line.



Draw in the mouth with the line dividing the two lips. By measuring a third in from the inside corner of the eye and drawing a line vertically on each side, you can achieve an accurate mouth width.



Draw in the ears and the hairline. The hairline can help determine the shape of the face. Remember the ears should fit snugly between the eye and nose lines.



Draw the neck by drawing a vertical line from the outer corner of the eye on each side to achieve the correct width.