

Day 24: Surrealistic Self Portrait

A portrait is a way to depict personalities in artwork. It can be one person or many, or it can be yourself which is what we are going to focus on today. A Self Portrait is all about YOU. You will create a Surrealistic Self Portrait using your cell phone and a variety of apps on your phone.

But this is a collage and double exposure meeting on a photo.

Surrealism is an art movement that is taking things that you recognize and changing them to make them different. It is taking reality and turning it sideways. The images will be very dreamlike.

Make sure that your image is created at a specific spot that "tells" about who you are as a person- your home, your room, your favorite place to go to, etc. The only "rule" is that you have to use yourself...other than that; have fun and experiment! You can merge two photos, you can duplicate your layer and remove parts of a photo...you can add filters/change colors...this is up to you.

And remember to use the self-timer when taking your selfie, so it's in focus and better composed. Put your camera on a ledge so it sits still and select the reverse camera option.

Here are some other apps to try but you are not limited to these. If you don't have the data or don't want to download them you don't have to, but the key is to be creative. Some are android and some are iPhone, they should all be free, I did not pay for any of these.

Use phone camera for taking pictures and the following apps to edit:

- SnapSeed
- Pixlr
- Prisma
- PicsArt
- VSCO
- Filterstorm
- Fotor Photo Blender
- Sktchy Fusion
- PhotoChop Aviary
- ALT Photo Photo Director
- Photo Editor
- Photo Lab

Something to keep in mind is to crop out the logo of the app you used, and I strongly encourage you to use borders. You can also add text if you want. I love Word Swag to add text to my photos, but there are many apps to choose from. Remember, this is essentially a collage that meets double exposure.

