

Today's Art Lesson

Giuseppe Arcimboldo Portrait Challenge

Who is Giuseppe Arcimboldo?

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Giuseppe Arcimboldo was born in Milan Italy, in 1527. He is most famous for his portraits of human heads made up of vegetables, fruit, flowers, and all sorts of other things.

What do you see? (Turn upside-down)
NOW what do you see?
Pretty cool huh?



Look at some of his other paintings. What do you notice? The entire faces are made of things like fruit, vegetables, flowers, kitchen items, and even sea creatures! Look closely at the faces. What do you see? Can you name ten different things Giuseppe used to make the faces?



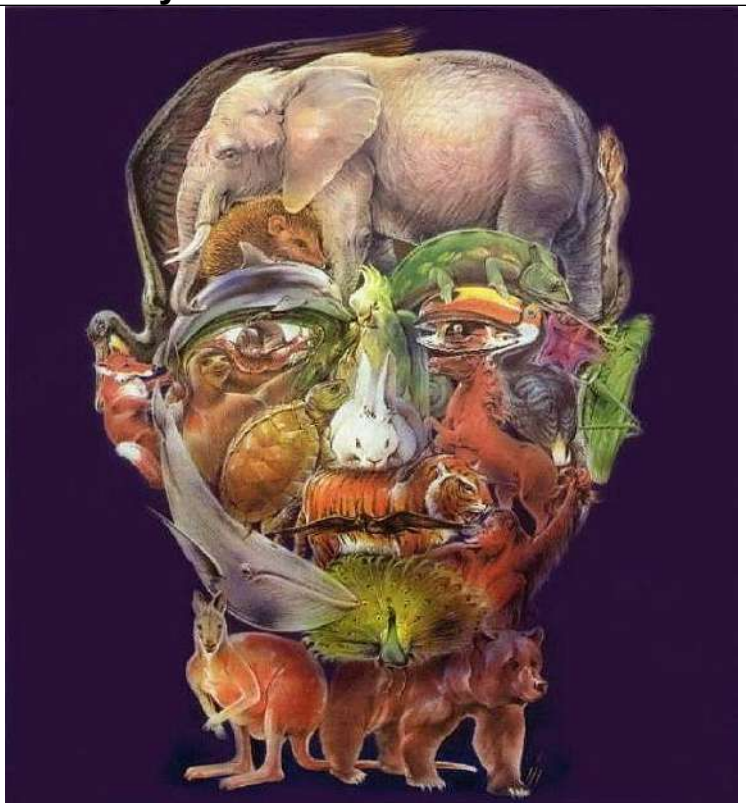


In 2013 The New York Botanical Garden opened an exhibit featuring 15-foot-high fiberglass sculptures based on Arcimboldo's paintings!

The Animal Face Game - How Many Can You Find?

Here is an Arcimboldo-inspired portrait (by an unknown artist) which presents you with a fun challenge: how many animals can you find in the face? I will tell you the answer: there are 28 animals, and I will even give you a list ... but the question is, can you find them all?

Here's the list of the 28 animals included in this image; mark them off when you find them: goose, elephant, hedgehog, chameleon, dolphin, snail, gopher, fox, sloth, crocodile, thrush, snake, turtle, whale, kangaroo, boa, parrot, shellfish, pelican, starfish, grasshopper, horse, hare, tiger, monkey, bird, peacock, and bear.



**Today you will create art like Arcimboldo using materials of your choice!
Here are a few ideas...**

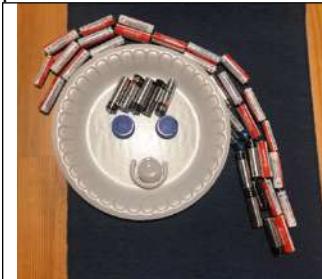
You might decide to draw a portrait, only instead of drawing eyes, lips and a nose, you will be drawing vegetables and fruits or flowers as the features on the face! You may use pencil crayons, markers, pastels or paint to complete the portraits.



You might decide to create a collage. Look in the newspaper for food advertisements from the grocery store and cut out pictures of food. Look for ads from the hardware store and cut out pictures of tools or use pictures of cars to make a face out of. You will need newspapers, magazines, scissors, and glue.



You might decide to create a sculpture. You could make a plate portrait! First find yourself a good size dinner plate. Next start looking around your house for objects that would be great as facial features. Arrange the objects on the plate until a portrait/face is revealed! If you want to use food please ask your parents first!



You might decide to use laundry to create a sculpted face. Use a pile of laundry as your palette of colors. Experiment with folding, twisting, and organizing your clothes to create a face. Here are examples.



What materials are you going to use to create your Arcimboldo-inspired artwork?

I can't wait to see the face you create!

More plate portraits...



You can print these pictures of vegetables, color them, and arrange them into an Arcimboldo style face. Also included is a coloring page...If you like to color!

