

Toy Portraits



When toys are positioned in a manner that suits their personality and in a setting that suits the action, and are then photographed, drawn, or painted to produce an endearing or memorable scene.

The Pose

How the toy is posed affects the artistic quality of the image and the impact it has on the viewer.



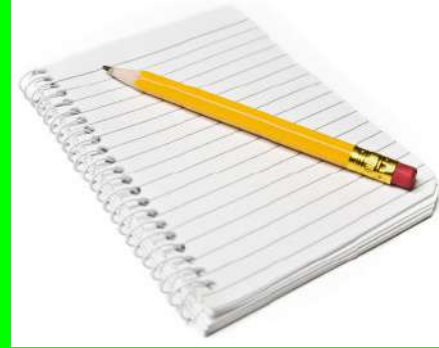
The Accessories

What accessories does your toy need to display it's personality?



The Props

What props will your toy use to tell it's story?



The Setting

What setting is best for the story? Where will the action take place? Is the setting important, or can the background be blurred out, or plain? Whatever setting you choose, make sure that it does not distract from the purpose of your portrait.



Examples of Toy Portraits

Ms. Cherivtch creates a Toy Portrait!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XiGojYpvadQ>



Take a look at the Toy Portraits on this slide and observe the poses of the toys, the accessories, the props, and the backgrounds.



Awesome article to read about Malaysian toy photographer Hon!

<https://mymodernmet.com/wire-hon-forced-perspective-photography/>



Create your own Toy Portrait:

1. Choose at least one toy to work with.
2. Think about your toy's personality, the resources you have available to you, and the visual story you want to create.
3. Gather your materials and begin to arrange them. You may need tape or modeling clay, or fishing line to make your objects stay put.
4. Make sure the setting you have chosen is appropriate, and not a distraction to the overall composition.
5. Take photographs from different angles and make sure the lighting is right so that colors and details show up. Or, draw a picture of your toy and the scenario that you have created.
6. Submit, or share your artwork in Google Docs/Slides, or Email to: lisa.cherivtch@seaford.k12.de.us

Don't forget to include your name and grade level!

Ms. Cherivtch's Toy Portrait

As you can see, the little guys with the big teeth have taken Venus' arms! The silver guy is really upset (maybe her boyfriend?) and Rocket Racoon is attempting to give her arms back to her as a kind gesture. Luke Cage (yellow t-shirt) and the guy in the yellow mask are giving the teethted hooligans a beatdown! While Thor is too busy having a conversation and listening to piano music to pay much attention to all of the drama!

