

Vector Portrait using Google Draw

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This task will teach you the basics of using a digital program to create a vector portrait, as well as how to use the pen tool to select areas of digital works.

Make sure you have a copy of your portrait [either from network or you can take a selfie - must be cropped close to face + good lighting and sharp focus on the eyes]



*a mouse or drawing tablet will make this task a lot easier than a touch pad....

STEP 1: PREPPING THE "CANVAS"

- Go to your Google Drive. Click on "New," "Google Drawing." Click on "File," "Page Setup." When the size prompt appears, click "Custom" from the drop-down menu. Set the page dimensions to 25 x 25cm

STEP 2: CHOOSING A PORTRAIT

- On your Drawing, click on "Insert," "Image." Click "Search," and search for the portrait you want to use in the Google Image search box. Once you have selected a portrait, right-click on the image and choose "Crop image" from the menu. Crop your image into a square shape.
- Select your image and move it over to the left side of the canvas. You will want to give yourself room to work.
- Take this time to TITLE YOUR DRAWING. You will need to have your name in the title. Ex: "Portrait - OGRADY"

STEP 3: DRAWING

- You will be using the POLY LINE TOOL for the majority of your project. This tool can be found under the line drop-down menu. (The poly line tool does not create rounded lines! Only straight lines! You will need to focus in order to get the correct outline and shape.)

-Use the poly line tool to outline the main shape of your portrait. SEE EXAMPLE 1 BELOW. (To zoom in, use the magnifying glass tool in the tool bar. To zoom back out, click the zoom-to-fit button to the left of the magnifying glass tool.) As you're clicking around, if you want out of the tool completely, hit the "Esc" button. REMEMBER: You will need to create WHOLE SHAPES and you cannot undo a point once it's added. You will have to restart the section if you mess up. It's very important that you take your time!

IMPORTANT TOOLS:

1. Poly Line Tool - Under the Line drop-down menu
2. Zoom - Magnifying glass button
3. Zoom out - Zoom-to-fit button beside the magnifying glass
4. Arrange: Bring Section Forward - Ctrl + Up Arrow
5. Arrange: Push Section to Back - Ctrl + Down Arrow

NOW watch the youtube clip and get working!