

Symbolic Family Portrait

Colored Pencil or Graphite
Drawing

Project Information:

Create a family portrait with a collection of items that symbolize each individual in your immediate family.

[RECOMMENDATION] I strongly recommend that you try to select items that relate with a specific theme. For example, favorite breakfast foods, favorite energy drinks, favorite flowers, favorite shoes, etc.

1. Arrange your portrait items and use your cell phone to photograph your 'family portrait' for your reference image.
2. Once you have your reference photo taken, sketch the outline of the items in your drawing following the photo.
 - If you know that you struggle with drawing items realistically and in proportion, draw a grid on your reference image and drawing paper to assist with sketching challenging objects accurately.
3. Begin applying color pencil or graphite pencil to your background.
4. Once your background is complete, begin rendering the objects you selected to represent each family member in your drawing.
 - Accurate representation of objects is the goal.
 - Labels should reflect the actual font that appears on the item.
 - Color mixing is necessary! ALWAYS test out color mixing on a separate piece of paper first.
 - ALWAYS starting with the lightest values and soft pressure; gradually build color to represent each object accurately.



