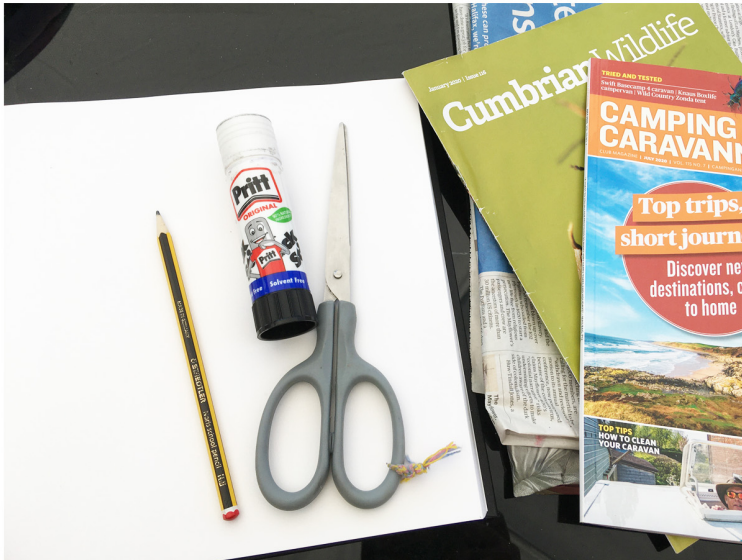


HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN COLLAGE PORTRAIT



YOU WILL NEED

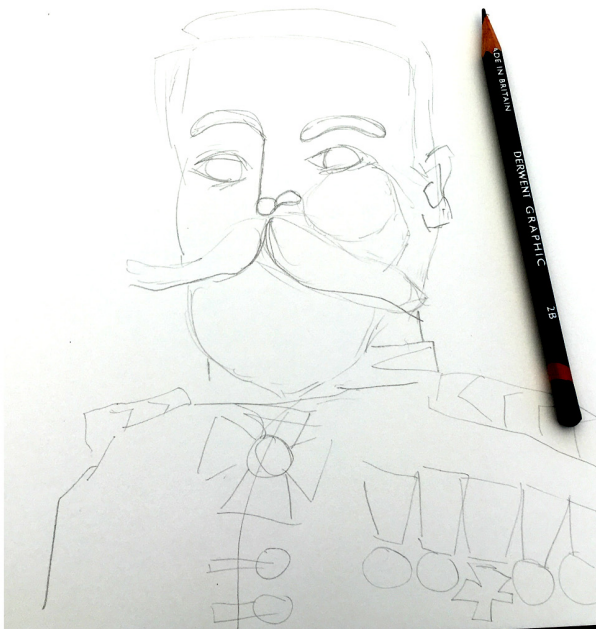
- blank paper
- scissors
- a glue stick
- a pencil
- scrap paper / junk mail / old magazines and newspapers



step 1

Look online at military museum collections for portraits, I picked this one from the Cumbria's Museum of Military Life's website. I picked this one because of his grand moustache and vivid red jacket.

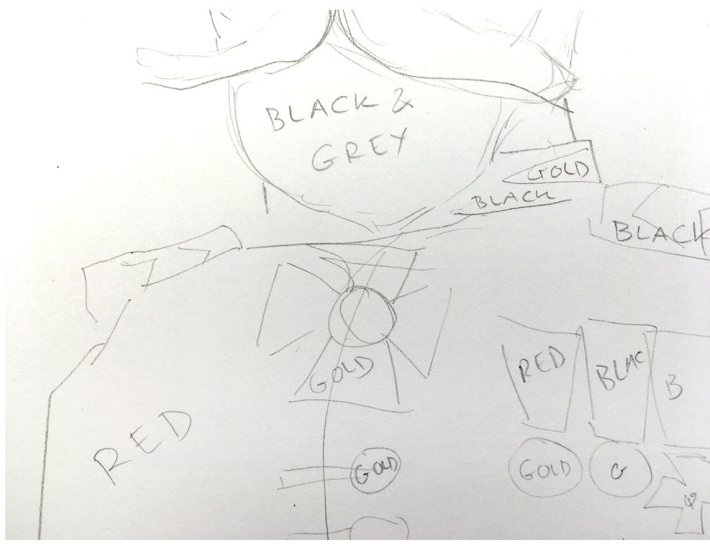
Pick a portrait that speaks to you.



step 2

Sketch out a rough outline of your portrait. This does not need to be an accurate copy of the portrait but a 'map' to guide where you shall add the collage.

We are not creating an exact portrait copy but a fun and creative way to capture somebody's essence.



step 3

Label each section of your drawn 'map' with the main colour, this will help with adding collage and selecting paper in the next step.



step 4

Cut out and collect pieces of paper from your old magazines in the colours you need.



step 5

Begin sticking down your small pieces of colour along the edges of your drawn map.



step 6

You can then fill in spaces between the edges.



Don't worry if the pieces of coloured paper aren't solid colours, patterned and textured pieces will add a depth and tone to your portrait.



Think about shade and tone when you stick down your pieces of paper.

For example, I have used slightly lighter shades of grey for the moustache than the beard to differentiate between each section.



Keep going until you have filled every part of the drawn out map. Feel free to add a background.

Using collage to recreate a portrait is a relaxing and unique technique but can also be used to create a variety of pictures.

Looking through military portrait collections is an interesting way to learn about the people of history.

