**ART ACTIVITY**

**MONOPRINT PORTRAITS**

Monoprinting is a printmaking technique that creates a “one time” print. Inspired by prior Artspace Studio Artist, Susan Soper’s expressive prints, create your own one-of-a-kind portrait! Learn more about monoprinting and creating portraits in this year’s Summer Art Camp classes—Portrait Drawing, Under the Sea, Opposites Attract, Gelli Art, Intro to Printmaking, Expressive Faces, and Portfolio Development: Self-Portraits!

**Age/Grade** All

**Materials**
- Plexi or mirror
- Washable markers
- Paper
- Water
- Paper towels
- Optional: Images of pets, friends, or family

**Activity Ideas**

**K–2 //** Plastic Bag Monoprints: Using a ziploc plastic bag and paint you will create a twin image of a painting. Make design choices, like spacing, pattern, and balance.

**3–5 //** Photograph your furry friends and create a monoprint portrait of them. Embellish your print with sequins, gems, and fabric.

**6–12 //** Expressive Self Portraits: Photograph facial expressions + angles that convey a specific emotion. Use limited color schemes (monochromatic, cool, complimentary) to further express that emotion.

**All //** Create a monoprint portrait of a friend or family member. Write them a letter on the back of the print and mail it to them!

**Resources**

Learn more about Susan Soper’s work for design inspiration.

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Artmaking Directions

**Mirror //**

1. For Mirror: Draw a self-portrait directly onto a mirror with markers by tracing over your reflection. TIP: Close one eye and get close to the mirror.

For Plexiglass: Print a photo and place it under plexi and draw over that image onto the plexi. TIP: This will be a mirror image so if you add text it will be backwards.

2. Get a sheet of paper wet by running it under water at a sink or spraying with water.

3. Dry off excess water with paper towels so paper is not dripping wet.

4. Place the wet side of the paper face down onto the mirror or plexi. TIP: Do not move the paper once it has touched the surface or it will smudge your design.

5. Use your hands to firmly press down the paper onto the surface. Use pressure and be sure to press down the entire paper.

6. Slowly lift the paper off of the surface to reveal your print. Clean any remaining marker off of the surface with water and paper towels and print again!

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