

Mirror Image Self Portraits How to!



Using water and a mirror, follow our step-by-step guide and create your very own mirror image self portrait!

What is provided (for printing at home):

- Frame PDF (provided at the end of this guide)

What you will need:

- An old mirror
- Washable (or water-soluble) markers, fineliner, or felt pen. Avoid permanent markers and make sure to test first if you are unsure!
- A4 paper
- Container of water
- Tissues
- Paper towel

Step 1:

Print off the frame template at the end of this guide on A4 paper. Then position yourself in front of your mirror, make sure you are comfortable and the mirror can't move!



Step 2:

Trace the features of your face directly on the mirror using your washable marker pen.

Top tip – try closing one eye as you draw!



Step 3:

Add detail and shading to areas of your portrait such as the hair, and add colour as well! Top tip – use a wet tissue to make any corrections to your drawing on the mirror.



Step 4:

Dampen your A4 piece of paper with a wet paper towel. Note – The wetter the paper, the more likely that the ink will run so try not to over wet.



Step 5:

Place the damp A4 paper over the drawing on your mirror. To transfer the drawing from the mirror to your paper gently rub the back of the paper with a dry paper towel.



Step 6:

Gently lift the paper off the mirror, your drawing should have transferred from the mirror to your paper!



Step 7:

Experiment with different types of markers, colours, paper, and dampness of paper to see the different results!



Step 8:



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