ASSEMBLE EPHEMERAL PORTRAITS How to!

Create an ephemeral portrait out of fun objects you can find at home!



Something ephemeral only lasts for a short time. In this activity you will make ephemeral portraits out of objects you can find at home!

What you will need:

For this activity, all you will need is a camera and some materials! Here are some examples of the kinds of materials you can use:

- Flowers, leaves, and twigs
- Colourful pieces of paper
- Buttons in different shapes and sizes
- Various types of fruit
- Let your imagination go wild!

Step 1:

Seek out some fun materials to create your portrait out of!







Step 2:

Think about what features you will start with, such as the eyes, mouth, and nose. Pick the objects that best fit those features!



Step 4:

Start to add extra details such as hair and eyelashes. Think about the facial expression and move objects around to change the expression!

Step 3:

Slowly build on each of the features, adding layers to create depth and texture. Then start moving out to other areas of the face.



Step 5:

Once you are happy with the portrait, immortalise it by taking a photograph. Then mix up all the objects and make another!









Step 6:

Have a go at some more portraits with a range of different materials! The biscuit portrait below was inspired by Rosana Kersh's Helicopter Joe artwork currently on display in The Percivals virtual tour; head to our website to view and be inspired!



Step 8:



Send a photo of your finished creation to us at ptrg@townsville.qld.gov.au or share with us on Facebook and Instagram!



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