

Nature Portraits

with Mrs. Basgier

Hello Art Friends! I miss you all so much, but I'm starting to settle into a routine for distance learning. I'm even learning a little bit more about 1st grade curriculum as I'm leading my daughter through her at-home assignments! I really enjoy seeing your smiling faces on Seesaw, and I especially LOVE all of the beautiful artwork I've seen you making. All of your pictures and creativity are filling my heart! Keep up the good work, friends 😊 -Mrs. Basgier

POTENTIAL SUPPLIES

- Green leaves
- Dried out brown leaves
- Rocks or pebbles
- Small sticks
- Mulch
- Small flowers (like dandelions or azalea blooms-ask before picking!)
- Grass, moss, or clover
- Pine straw
- Any other small items you find naturally occurring in or around your yard
- Paper and glue (**not necessary, but if you'd like to preserve your portrait for keeping you'll want these!*)

I CAN...create a portrait using items found in nature.

What is a portrait?

A portrait is a picture of a person.

Portraits often only show the head (face), neck, and shoulders of the subject. But, sometimes a portrait shows the entire body of a person.



DIRECTIONS

1. **Go outside** and gather naturally occurring items from your yard or neighborhood. It's helpful to gather a lot of things before beginning. *Please make sure not to pick things that still need to grow-like flowers or food-without asking permission first!*
2. Decide where you'll create your portrait. Flat surfaces work best-like a driveway, porch, deck, or sidewalk. Depending on the weather, you may need to find somewhere that blocks the wind or a shady spot!
3. Begin laying out your design. I started with the overall shape of the face, but you can start wherever works best for you. You may want to break or bend your sticks to work better. You also might need to gather more items as you decide what you're using them for!
4. Don't forget to include all the facial features (eyes, nose, mouth, ears, eyebrows, hair, neck).
5. Take a picture and share your work! (Upload to Seesaw if you're able & I can comment on it.)
6. *If you'd like to preserve your portrait or add to it with drawing materials, you'll want to glue it down to a sheet of paper (white school glue probably works best). When it's dry you can color or draw on it to add more details! Or leave it as is-it's up to you!

OTHER IDEAS

Bad weather? Don't have a yard or enough things to gather? Don't like being outside?

That's ok! Just draw a portrait this week. You could even make it a **self portrait!**

Want an ADDED CHALLENGE? Make multiple *expressive portraits* giving your face lots of different expressions!



CONTACT ME

Questions? Wanna share? Just want to say "hi"?

If you upload your work to Seesaw I can see it and "like" and comment on it! OR, you're welcome to email me as well at lmfbasgier@auburnschools.org. I'd love to hear from you! I'd SUPER DUPER love to see what creative things you've been working on!

