



Grades 5 and up

# Artist Sandy Coleman's *Whimsical Portraits*

Continuous line and Affirmations

Practice creative imperfection to develop artistic confidence in freely expressing personal style and emotions; reflect on positive traits of self and others to encourage belonging and inclusion; use imaginative colors for skin, eyes and hair to showcase that beauty is wonderfully varied.



## Supply list:

- Azure™ Artist Markers
- Nano-Liner™- Black
- Bee Super Deluxe™ Mixed Media Paper



## Guidance:

Teachers should begin by describing the concept of continuous line. Emphasize that it is important to go slow and keep the marker in constant contact with the paper until the drawing phase is complete, even though feelings of uncertainty may arise. Let students know that they will get to make many more faces and become increasingly comfortable with practice.

## Drawing:

Using the black Nano-Liner marker, students should pick a point on the face to begin—an eye or the nose is the easiest place to start. Slowly draw the face, moving from one feature to the next without breaking the line or lifting the marker. This will mean retracing lines to move about the drawing. Resist the urge to lift the marker. Embrace the fact that the drawing will be imperfect. The imperfection makes the drawing whimsical and illustrates that all faces are unique and beautiful.



## Coloring:

Use the broad chiseled end of Azure markers to color the face and neck in one initial overall color. Avoid coloring over the black marker line to prevent smearing. Use a second layer of the same or a different, darker color to create shadows on the face and the neckline, based on the light source or imagination. Create highlights on features by using the blender pen to linger and lift color or use a lighter similar color with the same technique.

## Writing and trading:

Take a moment to self-reflect on the sentence "I am..." Choose a positive word to finish the statement. Write that word on the portrait using the black Nano-Liner or blender pen. This affirmation card will be a positive reminder of something good about yourself. Create another portrait card to trade with a classmate or family member so they have something positive to embrace, too.



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