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PICTURE A PERSON

Can you think of an art subject that's always around?
Just look in a mirror for the answer! Artists often base their work on themselves or other people. Some create portraits to remember people by, or characters to illustrate a story. Others capture feelings, actions, fashions or imaginary faces. The great thing is that people are all different and artists can bring them to life in many ways.





See how people have inspired famous artists – then **let them inspire you too!** Each page of this book will tell you about a work of art and the person who created it. When you lift the flap, you'll find a project based on the artwork. Don't feel you have to copy it exactly. Half the fun of art is exploring your own ideas!

GETTING STARTED

There's a checklist on page 31 that will tell you what you need for each project, but it's a good idea to read through the steps before you begin. There are also some handy tips on the next page…



Always have a **pencil** and **rubber** handy. Making a rough **sketch** can help you plan a project and see how it's going to look.

PICK YOUR PAINT...

Acrylic paints are thick and bright – they're great for strong colours, or textures such as hair. **Ready-mix paints** are cheaper than acrylics but still bright. Use them when you need lots of paint.

Watercolours give a thinner colouring – try them over oil pastel or crayon, or draw on them in ink.

Use a mixture of thick and thin **paintbrushes**. Have a jam jar or plastic cup of water ready to rinse them in and a **palette** or paper plate for mixing paint.



Lay some newspaper on your surface before you start to paint!

TRY PASTELS...

Oil pastels have a bright, waxy look, like crayons. **Soft pastels** can be smudged and blended like chalk.





For painting, use thick **cartridge** or **watercolour paper** – anything too thin will wrinkle. **Pastel paper** has a rough surface that holds on to the colour.

Collect a range of **coloured papers and card** for collage and 3-D models.

Look around at home for other art materials. Useful things include sponges, rags or cloths, cocktail sticks, drinking straws, scissors, glue, string, roller brushes and bubble wrap.



Ready to start?
Let's **get into art!**