EL PASO MUSEUM OF ART

A WEEK OF ART ACTIVITIES

MAKE SOMETHING MONDAY!
Make a Self-Portrait
out of found objects from home

What makes you special? Portraits can reveal not just who you are on the outside but who you are in the inside too! Engage in exploration and repurpose objects to make something new!

Get creative and create portraits of your loved ones!

Materials

- Construction paper or cardboard
- Clean container with water
- Color pencils
- Crayons
- Markers
- Acrylic paint and brushes (optional)
- Liquid school glue, cold silicon, tacky glue or hot glue gun* (with adult supervision).
- Small found objects from home such as buttons, bottle caps, pipe cleaners, pompons, seeds, sequins, yarn, feathers, paper, vegetables or/and fruits. Wander outside your house and explore your garden, look for small rocks, sticks, grass and dirt.

How to

1. Decide the size of the head portrait, make a quick sketch of your face on the piece of cardboard.
2. Let your imagination flow, and repurpose the objects you found to make a self-portrait.
3. Before you glue all the pieces onto the cardboard, place all objects exactly where you would like them to be.
4. Once you’ve decided on your final layout, start gluing all the pieces one by one. Finish you portrait by coloring the background with markers or acrylic paint. Don’t forget to add eye-lashes, eyeballs and hair!
5. Share your artwork with us! Tag us on social media @ElPasoMuseumofArt and use the hashtags #EPMAMakeSomethingMonday #ExperienceTheMuseumFromHome #EPMAselfportrait

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