Create a Picasso-style portrait

What you need

- Two sheets of paper
- Black pen
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Colored pencils, pens, or paint

WOW! Painter Pablo Picasso wrote more than 300 poems and two plays in his lifetime.

Cubism, an art movement founded in the early 1900s, aimed to show multiple views of an object, scene, or person in one picture. "Cubist artworks can sometimes look a bit strange," Olaf Falafel, a comedian and children's author, told *The Week Junior*. "They often have vases that turn into violins and tables that look like they'll fall over any minute."

One of the creators of Cubism was the famous Spanish artist Pablo Picasso, who lived from 1881 to 1973. "He was a genius," Falafel said. Picasso painted portraits that "often feature green, yellow, and blue faces with several eyes on one side of a face and strange out-of-proportion noses and ears," he said. These portraits are some of Falafel's favorite works of art.

The Week Junior asked Falafel, who creates Art Club videos for kids on YouTube at tinyurl.com/TWJUS-Olaf-Art, to demonstrate how you might use Picasso's technique to create your own self-portrait. Here is his advice.

Olaf Falafel and his self-portrait

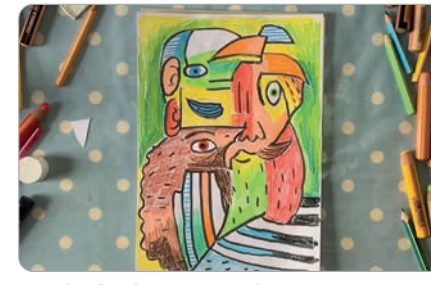
Woman in Hat and Fur Collar, by Pablo Picasso

1 Start by drawing a simple self-portrait. Use a mirror or phone camera so you can study your face while you draw it. Don't stress too much—it doesn't have to be perfect.

2 Then you need to cut up your self-portrait into individual pieces (ears, eyes, eyebrows, hair, nose, and so on)—almost like you are creating a jigsaw puzzle.

3 Next, stick your puzzle pieces back together. The important part is that you put them back in the "wrong" order—that is, in a completely different way.

4 After you're happy with your new portrait, glue the pieces in place. Draw in extra lines and patterns to join the parts together. (I drew an extra eye on mine.)



5 The final step is to color in your portrait. As before, getting it "wrong" is vital. I have blue eyes in real life, so I made the eyes on my portrait blue, green, and red.

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