

Warm and Cool Color Portrait

Let's create mood by using warm and cool colors in a collage!

Artists can use *mood* to make viewers feel a certain way when looking at their art. Did you know that you can create mood by using colors? Artists will use cool colors, such as blue, purple, and green, for a sad mood. When they want you to feel happy or excited, they might use warm colors, such as red, orange, or yellow. You can find these colors all around you in the environment, in your home, or even in a magazine.

Materials

Warm-colored markers (red, yellow, orange)
Cool-colored markers (blue, purple, green)
Small warm- and cool-colored objects (like images from magazines, colored paper, or stamps)

1 piece of drawing paper
Pencil
Ruler
Black marker

1



Gather all of your materials and found objects. Divide them into separate piles of warm colors and cool colors.

2



Using your pencil, draw a self-portrait on the drawing paper, taking up most of the page. Don't worry if it doesn't look exactly like you!

3



Using your ruler, draw a line dividing your self-portrait in half. You can divide it horizontally, vertically, or diagonally!

4



Color in one half of your portrait with your warm-colored markers, using the black marker for details. Then glue down your warm-colored objects—you can arrange them however you want!

5



Color in the other side of your portrait with your cool-colored markers, and then glue down your cool-colored objects. You can use the black marker for details.

6



Looking at your collage, compare the cool side and the warm side. Which do you like better?