



A Journey to Discovery

How can I use line and tone to create a portrait?

1. Who is Gloria Mwange?

She is a young artist from Kenya, Africa. She specialises in creating self-portraits using either pencil or watercolours. The Nala Project Exhibition in Nairobi was her first major exhibition.



2. How do I draw a portrait?

How to Draw a Self-Portrait

1. First look at yourself carefully in the mirror. Then sketch an oval shape.
2. After that, lightly draw two lines: one going down the middle of your face and the other going across it.
3. When you have done this, draw your eyes. Tip: The space between these should be approximately the width of one eye.
4. After that, draw another line that is halfway between your eyes and your chin. Draw the bottom of your nose along this.
5. When you have done this, draw your mouth underneath your nose.
6. Then add in your eyebrows above your eyes.
7. Next draw your ears and make sure the top of each one is level with your eyebrows.
8. Then add in your hair.
9. Finally, use shading and add details to your drawing.

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3. How can I use a pencil to create tone?



4. How can I add tone to my portrait?

For darker areas of the face e.g. the side of the nose, the hair and the eyes then a darker tone is needed where as lighter areas, for example, the cheeks need a lighter tone.

Key Vocabulary

Line- a mark made on the surface that joins different points.

Tone-the lightness or darkness of colour.

Proportion- relation based on size between parts of an object.

Self-portrait-when an artist draws a picture of themselves.

