

## Portrait Collage Activity

Using materials from around the house – recycled paper, magazines, fabric from old clothes – let's try creating our own portrait collage inspired by Benny Andrews!

Benny was known for his three-dimensional collage portraits.

In *Grandmother's Dinner*, he used real denim for the pants, lace on his subject's dress, and even an actual shirt collar that pops out of the painting.



### Definitions:

*Portrait* — image of a person

*Collage* — a technique using cut or torn fabric or paper and glue

### Materials:

- Paper
- Glue
- Scissors

### Optional Materials:

- Fabric
- Found Objects
- Markers
- Scrapbooking Paper

1. Cut a face shape for your subject and glue it to a background piece of paper. (An oval or a circle work well.)\*
2. Then, with a small amount of glue, add facial features using different colors and textures of paper, fabric, and found objects. (Football shapes can be used for eyes; triangle shapes for a nose.)
3. Lastly, if you have markers, feel free to add some detail to your subject or background. (A black dot can be added for a pupil.)

\*Drawing the shape on the paper or fabric before cutting makes it easier to get the shape you want.