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Visual Arts Response Activity



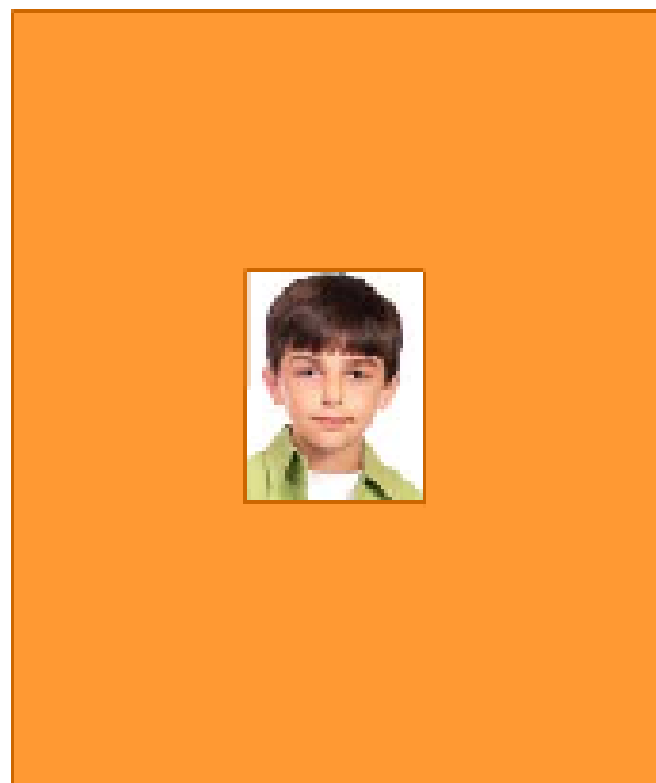
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- Make A Portrait Viewfinder Card:

Cut a rectangle out of the middle of an A4 card.

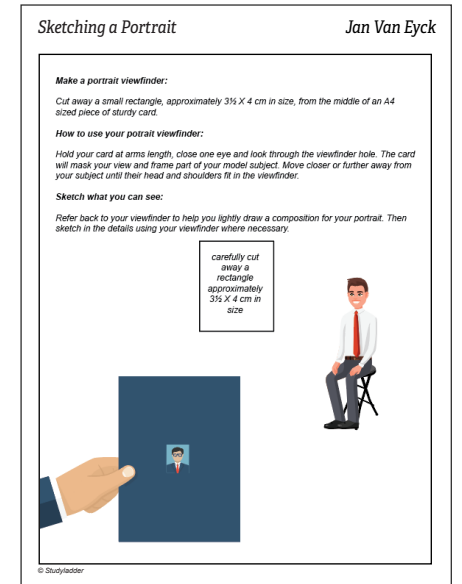
(approx 3½ x 4 cm)

The easiest way is to place the card on a board. Firmly holding a ruler in place, run a sharp knife along the each side of the rectangle using the ruler to guide you.



Sketching a Portrait

- Print a copy of the 'Sketching a Portrait' activity sheet.



You will need to complete this activity with a friend. One person will be the 'sitter' and the other the 'artist'.

Use A Portrait Viewfinder Card:

- 1) Seat your friend comfortably a distance away from you.
- 2) Hold the card up at arm's length, close one eye and look at your friend through the hole in the card.
- 3) Move closer or further away from your friend until all you can see is the head and shoulder's within the viewfinder frame.

The frame will help focus your attention on what you need to draw. While you are drawing use your viewfinder card to ensure that you have the correct proportions.

When you basic sketch is complete use a fine black marker over your sketch to create a detailed line drawing.