

MAKE: AN ENCHANTED SELF PORTRAIT

Inspired By Helen Hopcroft: *The Re-enchantment*



Helen Hopcroft, *Liberty*, 2020, oil on canvas, 15 x 15 cm

DID YOU KNOW?

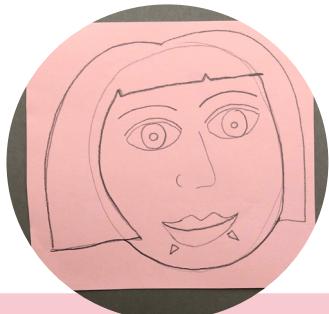
Local Maitland artist Helen Hopcroft loves to create exotic and enchanting portraits. In her work people transform into animals, parts of boats and become clouds in the sky! Hopcroft's portraits look like they have fallen from the pages of a fairytale. It's fun to think up stories for these floating heads in different situations. You can create an enchanted self-portrait with your face in any number of strange places! Maybe you become half animal, your face could stick out of a tree or splash around the ocean on the front of a ship. I wonder what kind of story your portrait will tell?



HAVE FUN!

MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED

- Coloured A4 paper and scrap paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Lead pencil
- Texters, coloured pencils and oil pastels



STEP 1 Think about where your face will appear. You could become your favourite animal, the front of a train or even be attached to ice skates. The stranger your idea the better! Use a lead pencil to draw where your face will appear but don't draw your face yet.

STEP 2 Cut a piece of paper into a small square the size you want your face to be. Draw your face using a lead pencil.

TIP: To draw your face you might like to use your imagination or a mirror.



STEP 3 Cut out the object that is your body and your face. Arrange them on your background paper. You might like to add some landscape to the bottom of your paper. Maybe grass, water, sand or bricks.

STEP 4 When you're happy with the placement, glue everything down and start decorating! You can colour in and even experiment with shade and tone.

STEP 5 Finish the background with anything you like. Stars, trees, mountains, even a rainbow. Have Fun!