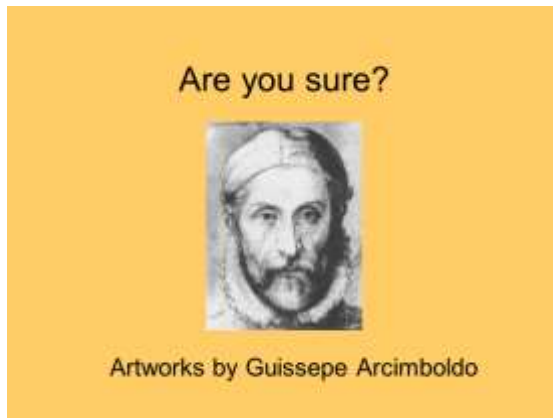


TITLE: CREATING CRAZY PORTRAITS AT HOME

SHORT DESCRIPTION: Create portraits using everyday objects found around the house.



- Guissepe Archimboldo was an Italian Painter in the 1500s.
- He liked to trick the eye to make us see something new.
- He created portraits out of fruits, vegetables and flowers.

Look carefully at the next pictures and see if you can identify what items he used to trick our eyes in these portraits.

What do you see?



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INSTRUCTIONS:

Now it is your turn! Can you find some objects around your house that you could use to create a portrait? Think about the shapes and colors that you might want to include.

For example bottle caps for eyes, apples for cheeks, or a carrot for a nose.

Remember - Items do not have to be food or vegetables - you can use toys, clothes, or other objects from inside or outside of your house.

HINT: Look for SHAPES. What shape are eyes? What shape are ears? What looks like hair? Put the items together to make your portrait.

Once you have arranged your items to trick our eyes into seeing a person's face you might want to draw what you see on a paper or photograph your creation.

Another idea you might try, with permission from your adults, is to look in old magazines and cut pictures of fruits or vegetables or other shaped items and arrange them into a collage that you can glue on a plain piece of paper to make your portrait.

For more fun: Does your portrait have a name? Create a story about the face in your portrait!