

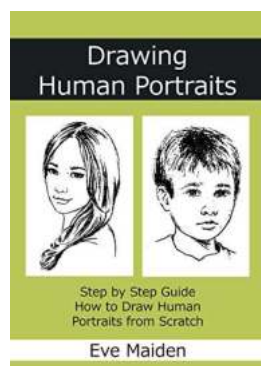
# Step By Step Guide: How To Draw Human Portraits From Scratch and Master the Art of Portraying People

Have you ever been captivated by a beautiful portrait and wondered how the artist brought it to life on the canvas? Drawing human portraits can seem like an intimidating task, but with the right guidance and practice, you can master this art form and capture the essence of a person's personality through your drawings.

In this step-by-step guide, we will explore the process of drawing human portraits from scratch. From understanding the fundamental proportions of the face to capturing the intricate details of facial features, we will cover it all. So, grab your pencils and let's embark on this artistic journey together!

## Step 1: Understanding the Proportions

One of the key elements in drawing a realistic human portrait is understanding the proportions of the face. The human face can be divided into several basic shapes, such as ovals and triangles, to help you establish a solid foundation for your drawing.



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The most common technique used by artists is the "L-Shape" method. This involves drawing a vertical line to represent the center of the face and a horizontal line to indicate the position of the eyes. By dividing the face into equal sections, you can accurately map out the placement of facial features.

Remember, proportions may vary from person to person, so it's essential to observe your reference closely and make adjustments accordingly.

## **Step 2: Sketching the Basic Shapes**

Once you have identified the proportions, it's time to start sketching the basic shapes of the face. Begin by drawing a light outline of the head using an oval shape, following the proportions you have determined. Then, add in the basic shapes for the eyes, nose, and mouth.

At this stage, focus on capturing the general shape and placement of the facial features rather than adding intricate details. Keep your lines light and loose, as you will refine them later on.

## **Step 3: Adding Depth and Shadows**

To bring your portrait to life, you need to understand how light and shadow interact with the human face. Shadows help define the three-dimensional structure of the face and create depth within your drawing.

Observe your reference closely to identify areas where shadows fall. Use light shading techniques, such as hatching and cross-hatching, to gradually build up the shadows and contours of the face. Remember to blend and smudge your lines to create a seamless transition between light and shadow.

#### **Step 4: Refining the Details**

Now that you have established a solid foundation and added depth to your portrait, it's time to refine the details. Pay close attention to the intricate features of your subject, such as the shape of the eyes, the curve of the lips, and the texture of the skin.

Using light and delicate strokes, gradually add in these finer details. Take your time and be patient – drawing realistic portraits requires practice and precision.

#### **Step 5: Adding the Finishing Touches**

As you approach the final stages of your portrait, take a step back and evaluate your drawing as a whole. Are there any areas that need adjustment or refinement? Take this opportunity to make any necessary corrections.

Once you are satisfied with the overall appearance, add in any additional elements, such as hair or accessories, to enhance the realism of your portrait. Remember to pay attention to the small details that make each individual unique.

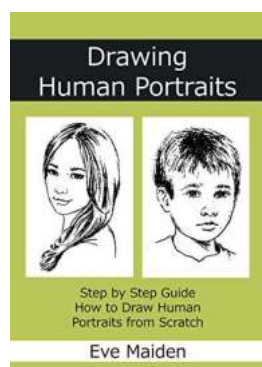
#### **Step 6: Practice Makes Perfect**

Mastering the art of drawing human portraits takes time and practice. Don't be discouraged if your initial attempts don't meet your expectations. The more you practice, the better you will become. Consider experimenting with different techniques and styles to find what works best for you.

Remember to be patient and enjoy the process. Drawing portraits is an incredibly rewarding experience that allows you to capture the essence of an individual and express your creativity.

Drawing human portraits from scratch requires a foundation of knowledge and skills. By understanding the proportions, sketching the basic shapes, adding depth and shadows, refining the details, and adding finishing touches, you can create stunning portraits that truly capture the essence of the person you are drawing.

So, grab your pencils, practice diligently, and embrace the journey of mastering the art of portraying people through your drawings. With dedication and perseverance, you will unlock your artistic potential and create remarkable human portraits.



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## **Buy this book and get BOOK for FREE**

Now you can learn to draw that portrait you've always pictured. No more cartoonish looking faces; you'll be examining every feature of the face in a whole new way. By carefully sectioning and shaping the face and its' features in a step-by-step process, your portraits will be balanced and beautiful. Once you've learned this process, greater expression and more contours will define your work. With just a little practice your portraits will begin to take on a life all their own. We'll teach you easy ways to maintain the integrity of your portraits, creating incredible definition in every feature. Taking inventory of faces, including your own, will positively impact your ability to draw natural portraits. Using shading and smudging techniques to soften your lines and reflect light will also add character and expression to every sketch.

Once you've mastered the basics, you'll soon be having fun experimenting with ways to create different expressions and solicit emotions from observers that you never thought possible. Consistently drawing striking portraits is not magic, it's the proper manipulation of size and shape. Now, you don't have to start from scratch, attempting to draw the eyes and nose in the right position. Our step-by-step guideline makes that happen every time.

So, journey with us through the wonders of drawing the human portrait. The following is a list of what you can expect to experience from our easy-to-follow process.

### **Key Points to Look for in This Step-by-Step Process**

- Learn to create balance from brow to jaw.
- Draw expressive and natural eyes every time.
- Align the features to create compatibility.
- Demonstrate the proper space and size of features to provide proper dimension.

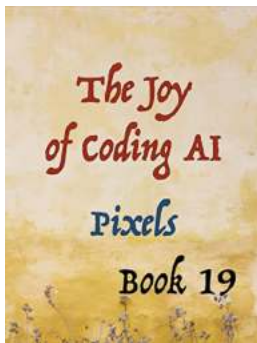
- Add shading and light to give detail to your portrait.
- You'll have much less frustration and a lot more FUN!

Enjoy reading and practicing, and do not forget to receive your

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Good luck!



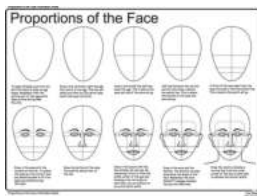
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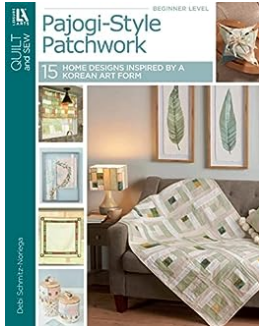
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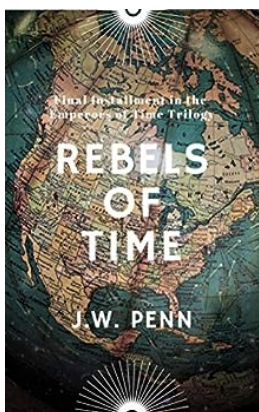
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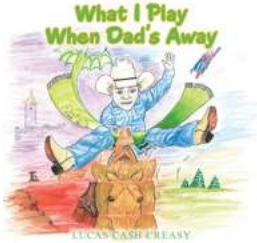
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