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Kehinde Wiley was born on February 28, 1977 in Los Angeles, CA. He found inspiration after finding a discarded police mug shot on the street. Wiley began reimagining historical paintings by replacing the White figures with people of color. His portraits have decorative backgrounds that also flow into the foreground. He transforms old masterpieces into modern, paintings that represent a population missing from the historical paintings. He was commissioned to paint President Obama for the National gallery.

To create a portrait like Kehinde Wiley, follow the instructions and materials listed.

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Reimagined Portrait

Supplies: silhouette, white paper, decorative paper, image

Step 1: glue the silhouette to the decorative paper. (glue not included)

Step 2: Glue pieces of the decorative paper on top of the silhouette.

Step 3: *Bonus: Using the white paper, re-draw the image by making it modern. Replace the people with friends or the environment with your neighborhood. Be creative!



When complete, we would love to see your creation. To share, snap a photo, then text 513-382-4913 or tag @khartscenter on social media.