

Norton Simon Museum

Family Art Project: Wire Portraits

Pablo Picasso used line to create a portrait of the woman he loved at the time, Marie-Thérèse Walter. He created a rhythm with line throughout *Woman with a Book* making Marie-Thérèse the center of attention. Experiment making self-portraits using line and easy-to-bend aluminum wire.



Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973), *Woman with a Book*, 1932, oil on canvas, The Norton Simon Foundation, © 2016 Estate of Pablo Picasso / Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York. Reproduction, including downloading of ARS works is prohibited by copyright laws and international conventions without the express written permission of Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York.

Materials:



- Mirror
- Tape
- Scissors
- Paper
- Writing tool
- Aluminum wire
- Pipe cleaners

Steps:



Step 1: Make a continuous line drawing of your face using a mirror, paper and a drawing tool.

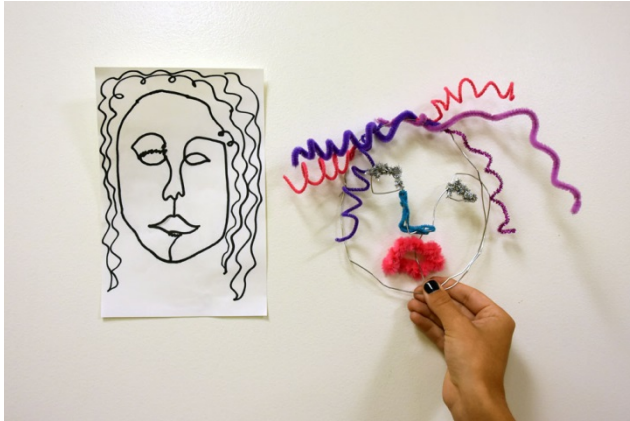


Step 2: Tape one edge of wire (4 ft. long) onto your drawing and trace your portrait with the wire.

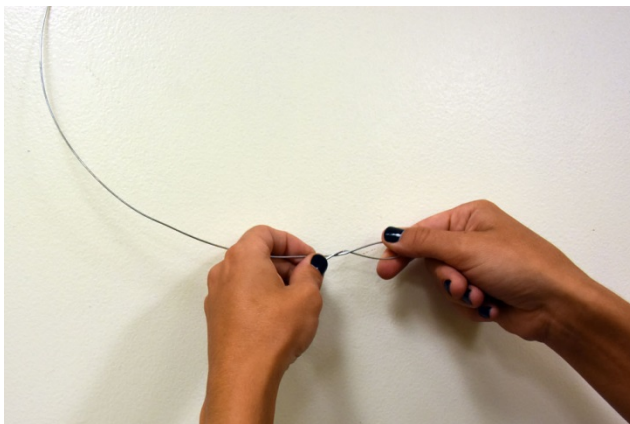
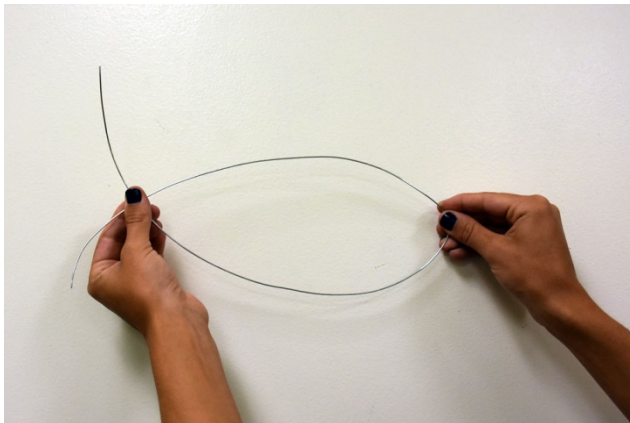
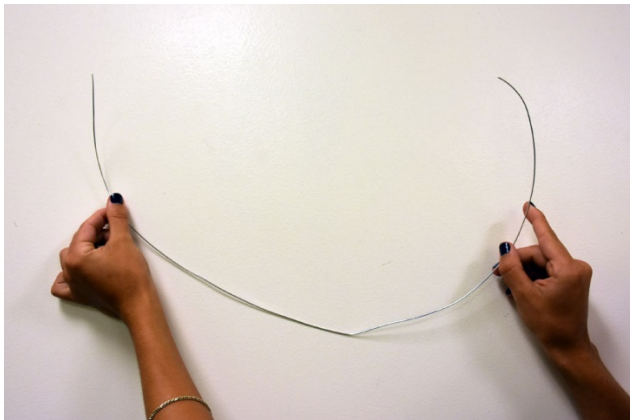


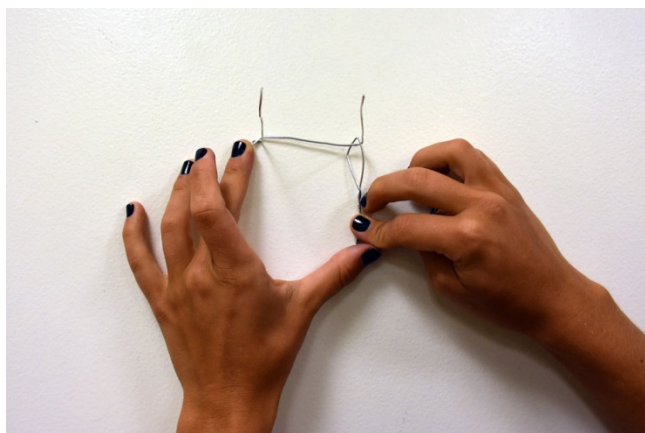
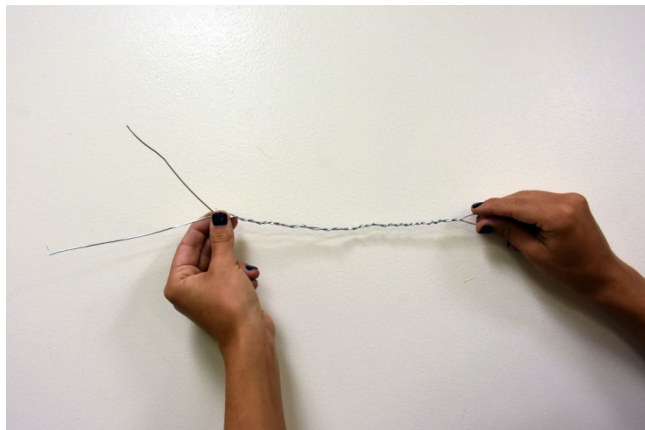
Step 3: Personalize your portrait by wrapping around colorful pipe cleaners to your eyes, nose, mouth and hair.





Step 4: For the neck base, take another piece of wire (2 ft. long), bend it in half and twist the two pieces together leaving a couple of inches.





Step 5: Take the loop end and hook it onto one of the wire pieces and bend the two pieces up to form a neck.



Step 6: Twist the two ends of the neck onto your wire portrait.



Step 7: Find a nice spot in your home to display your wire portrait along with other wire portraits of your family.