



Our Family Portraits

Take turns tracing facial features on a clear acrylic frame, then compare the portraits. Your child practices close observation and drawing while celebrating family connection.

Helps Your Child Grow



Sense of Identity and Belonging

Taking turns tracing family faces and noticing similarities supports your child's sense of identity and belonging.

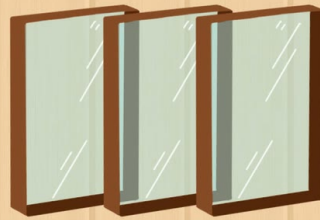


Fine Motor

Drawing facial features on a clear acrylic frame with paint markers builds control of the drawing tool.



What You'll Need



3 Clear Acrylic Photo Frames



Acrylic Paint Markers

What You'll Need

1. A clear acrylic frame or panel
2. paint markers in several colors



Draw the Grown-Ups in Our Family

Turn your child's love of drawing into a family portrait game. Hold the clear frame in front of your face and let your child trace the features they see through it. Invite them to notice small details as they draw.

Observations

- Traces your facial features on a clear acrylic frame
- Talks with you about your facial features, such as "Mom's eyes are round."

Tips

- Drawing on acrylic feels different from drawing on paper. Let your child make a few free marks first, wipe the surface clean, and then begin the portrait.
- When your child moves from one grown-up to another, compare features: "Whose eyes look bigger?"
- The portrait does not need to be exact. The goal is to notice and represent what makes each face distinct.



Now Draw My Face

When your child finishes, switch roles. Ask them to hold the frame as you trace their features. Describe what you see - the shape of their eyes or nose - to deepen their awareness of their own face.

Observations

- Touches their own face, studies the portrait, and describes personal features
- Smiles while you focus on drawing their portrait

Tips

- Use descriptive words to make each feature more specific: "Your eyes are round like two little grapes."
- Notice family similarities too: "Your eyes are round like mine."
- Use warm, neutral language. Avoid ranking or teasing anyone's features; focus on observation and uniqueness rather than attractiveness.



We're a Family

Place all the portraits together and compare what is alike and different. Help your child notice that they are part of the family, then invite them to add playful decorations to every portrait.

Observations

- Notices a family resemblance and says they are part of the family
- Adds decorations with bold colors and expressive marks

Tips

- Invite your child to imagine a future family portrait: “Will Dad have a white beard in ten years? How tall do you think you’ll be?”
- Offer glitter stickers, pom-poms, or other craft materials to make decorating more playful.
- Look for similarities before differences: “Are all our eyes round?” “Who has a beard?” Use the conversation to reinforce, “We’re a family.”