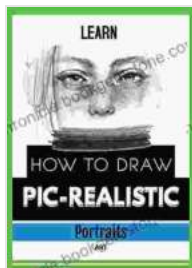


# Learn How To Draw Pic Realistic Portraits: A Step-by-Step Guide for Beginners

Are you fascinated by the beauty of realistic portraits and want to learn how to create them? Look no further! In this comprehensive guide, we will take you through a step-by-step process that will help you master the art of drawing realistic portraits, even if you're a complete beginner.

## Materials You'll Need:

\* Graphite pencils (HB, 2B, 4B, 6B, 8B) \* Blending stumps or tortillons \* Eraser (kneaded or electric) \* Sharpener \* Drawing paper (smooth, textured, or toned) \* Reference photo



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## Step 1: Choose a Reference Photo

The first step is to select a reference photo that you want to draw. Choose a photo with clear details, good lighting, and a subject with interesting features. Avoid blurry or low-resolution photos.

## **Step 2: Sketch the Basic Proportions**

Using a light HB pencil, lightly sketch the basic proportions of the face. Divide the face into thirds horizontally and vertically. Mark the placement of the eyes, nose, mouth, and ears.

## **Step 3: Outline the Major Features**

With a slightly darker pencil (2B), outline the major features of the face, such as the eyebrows, eyes, nose, and lips. Pay attention to the shape and curvature of each feature.

## **Step 4: Add Shading**

Using a range of pencils (2B-8B), start adding shading to the face. Start with the lightest areas and gradually transition to the darker areas. Use blending stumps or tortillons to smooth out the transitions.

## **Step 5: Refine the Details**

As you add more shading, refine the details of the face. Use a sharp pencil (6B-8B) to capture the fine hairs of the eyebrows, eyelashes, and facial hair. Pay close attention to the textures and gradients of the skin.

## **Step 6: Highlight and Shadows**

To create depth and realism, add highlights and shadows to the face. Use a sharp pencil (HB) for the highlights and a dark pencil (8B) for the shadows. Darken the areas under the cheekbones, nose, and chin.

## **Step 7: Add Color**

If desired, you can add color to your portrait using colored pencils or paint. Start with light colors and gradually build up the intensity. Layer the colors

to achieve depth and realism.

## **Step 8: Final Touches**

Once you're satisfied with the overall composition, make any final adjustments or refinements. Use an eraser to lift out any unwanted areas or soften transitions. Step back from your drawing and view it from a distance to see if any areas need further attention.

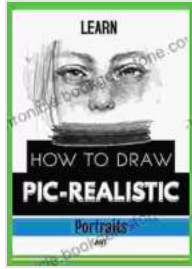
## **Tips for Drawing Realistic Portraits:**

\* Use a variety of pencils to achieve different tones and textures. \* Pay close attention to the proportions and angles of the facial features. \* Use blending stumps or tortillons to smooth out transitions and create a realistic skin texture. \* Capture the subtle details of the eyes, nose, and mouth to bring life to the portrait. \* Practice regularly and experiment with different techniques to improve your skills.

Learning how to draw realistic portraits requires patience, practice, and attention to detail. By following the steps outlined in this guide, you can develop the skills necessary to create stunning and lifelike portraits. Remember to enjoy the process and experiment with different techniques to refine your style.

With dedication and practice, you can master the art of portrait drawing and create beautiful and expressive artworks that will impress your audience.

**Relevant :** Step-by-step guide to drawing realistic portraits, including choosing a reference photo, sketching basic proportions, outlining features, adding shading, refining details, adding highlights and shadows, adding color, and final touches.



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