

# SIMPLE PORTRAITS - OPIE



Julian Opie's simple, graphic figurative portraits and landscapes generate a pared-back perspective on contemporary life. The artist's distinctive, thickly outlined silhouettes take inspiration from classical portraiture, Japanese woodblock prints, Egyptian hieroglyphics, and traffic signs.

## HOW TO DO IT

- Print out a photograph of a celebrity, or a photo you have taken yourself, onto A4 paper
- Use a lightpad and trace the image onto a new piece of paper - keep to the outlines and notice how Opie uses circles for eyes and simplifies the shape of the nose and mouth
- Add colour using an appropriate material - something that will give you smooth colour
- When you have added colour use a permanent marker to neaten the image - keep your lines smooth and thick
- You could photocopy your final result to get a smoother finish to your colours

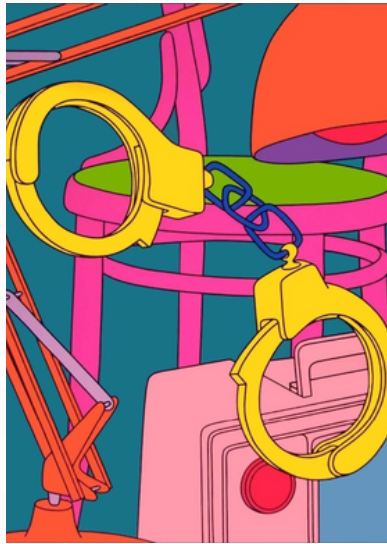
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# FURTHER RESEARCH AND KEY WORDS



Gary Hume



Michael Craig-Martin



Andy Warhol

## GARY HUME

Gary Stewart Hume RA is an English artist. Hume's work is strongly identified with the YBA who came to prominence in the early 1990s.

## MICHAEL CRAIG-MARTIN

Irish-born contemporary conceptual artist and painter. He is known for fostering and adopting the Young British Artists, many of whom he taught, and for his conceptual artwork, An Oak Tree.

## ANDY WARHOL

Andy Warhol was an American artist, film director, and producer who was a leading figure in the visual art movement known as pop art.



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<https://youtu.be/DJKqfvxCeME>

## YBA

The Young British Artists, or YBAs is a loose group of visual artists who first began to exhibit together in London in 1988.

## CONCEPTUAL ART

Art in which the concept or idea involved in the work take precedence over traditional aesthetic, technical, and material concerns.