

# Kehinde Wiley

Create a portrait of someone you want to see represented in a work of art, and include a colorful flower background inspired by Kehinde Wiley.



Here is the one I painted!



Kehinde Wiley and his paintings.

Get ready by finding...

**PAPER, WATERCOLOR PAINT, BRUSHES, CUP OF WATER, CRAYONS**

About the Artist:

Kehinde Wiley is a Nigerian-American portrait painter. He is known for painting black people in the same powerful poses as famous old paintings, with bright decorative backgrounds. He believes black people were left out of many old paintings, so he wants to include them in his work.

## 01 Think of someone special to you

Who would like to see in a piece of artwork? They could be a family member, friend, teacher, nurse, coach, anyone!

## 02 Grab your crayons!

Use crayons to draw the person. Don't color it in just yet. They don't have to look like real life, remember this is your artwork - they can look however you draw them.

## 03 Draw your flowers.

Use crayon to add lots of flowers behind the person. Make sure that you color the flowers in solid.

## 04 Grab your watercolors!

Use watercolor to paint your person and background. Don't worry about painting over your crayon drawing. The crayons are made of wax and push the watercolors away so you can still see your beautiful flowers.

Did you know?

Kehinde Wiley's is a professional painter and even created a portrait of President Obama! Painters can work in many different ways. I bet you have noticed paintings of people on the sides of buildings around Richmond. Those are called murals, and **muralists** are painters who create large paintings on buildings and other surfaces. There are also artists who make portraits of people who don't use paint. For example, **portrait photographers** take pictures of people for all kinds of reasons from family portraits to journalism.

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