Look And See...The Colors Make Me!
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Some of my favorite art projects are those made with \textit{recycled} materials. Here’s a great one that anyone may find possible and fun at the same time. And you're \textit{reusing} and perhaps \textit{reducing} as we aren’t using our \textit{resources}. We'll be using torn pieces of magazines that are sorted into colors.

“Words to share that will make us care...”

\textbf{The 3 R’s}

- \textbf{Recycle} - to change trash (glass, plastic, metal) so it may be used again.
- \textbf{Reuse} - to find a new purpose (a coffee can becomes a pencil holder).
- \textbf{Reduce} - use less of (water, paper, plastic, etc.) to save our resources.

\textbf{Resources} - mostly things from our natural environment that we can’t always replace (trees, oil, minerals, gas, etc.).

\textbf{Recycle This!}
Step 1: Find old magazines that you can use for the project. Here’s where you will begin to see the photographs in the magazine divided into many colors.

Step 2: Tear medium-sized pieces and sort by colors. Start by pasting a piece in the center of the paper.

Step 3: Continue pasting pieces to create an oval for the head and a neck. Begin to mark where the eyes will go.

Step 4: Spend a little more time on the eyes. Try tearing pieces into different shapes and sizes to make them fit to refine the eye shape.
This is just the beginning! How else can you personalize your self-portrait or character? Have Fun!

This technique can also be used for landscapes and other images of interest. Construction paper is an ideal material to use as well.
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