

Playful Portraiture: Making Faces in Fabric Supply List

Ever wish you could turn a favorite photo into a quilt—but have no idea where to begin? In this fun, fear-free workshop, you'll learn how to create quilted portraits using a simple, step-by-step method that makes faces approachable and fun.

We'll start with giggle-worthy selfie postcards to warm up, then move on to a practice photo provided by Lyric. You'll learn how to trace key shapes, create a pattern, and bring it to life with fusible appliqué—no drawing skills required. The goal isn't perfection—it's play, discovery, and building skills. By the end of class, you'll be ready and excited to go home and turn *your* favorite photo into a quilted portrait all your own.

<https://blog.lyrickinard.com/live-workshops/playful-portriature-making-faces/>

In this workshop you will:

Get helpful tips for very beginners - learning to draw faces

Get seriously silly fun making cartoon self portraits as we learn the concepts of placement and proportion in portraiture

Learn what makes a photo easy to work with

Also have the choice to use a practice photo that Lyric provides (or use your own in a six hour workshop)

Learn to make decisions about how to capture the character of your subject

Learn how to enlarge your pattern

Use the patterns Lyric provides to learn the process (or use your own in a six hour workshop)

Learn the basic techniques for how to easily transfer your pattern to fused fabric

Learn tips and tricks for layering and fabric choices in appliquéd portrait construction

Students in live workshops will have the option to purchase the [on-demand version of Playful Portraiture](#), (includes further tutorials for finishing edges, showing a background, quilting, and facing your finished portrait) for a steep discount.

Six hour class supplies

In a 6hr class you can practice with the photos and patterns provided, or use your own photo.

SUPPLIES

For making silly postcards

- 5" x 7" postcard base: peltex, stabilizer, muslin, paper (virtual only, lyric will supply this for in-person classes)
- Pile of fabric or colored paper scraps (to be shared during in-person classes)
- Glue stick, damp cloth to wipe off hands
- [Very sharp, pointy, scissors](#)
- Optional tweezers for handling small pieces of fabric
- Optional mirror if you want to make a self portrait in Virtual class

For Learning how to create a pattern by tracing

- Pencil
- Black Sharpie (regular sized - not fine point, fresh is best)
- Tracing paper, several sheets
- Lyric will provide practice photos for learning the techniques
- If you are feeling brave bring your own black and white photo, enlarged so the face fills up an 11 x 17 paper (see the link below for advanced preparation)
- Light table or [LED Light Box Tracer](#)

For creating a fat-quarter sized fusible appliqué portrait

- Lyric will provide a practice pattern (11 x 17)
- Reynolds Baking Parchment for building your fused portrait - dollar store parchment has been found NOT to work (get together and share a roll)
- More parchment or Silicone press sheet to protect irons and surfaces
- Regular tip Black sharpie
- Opaque silver sharpie
- Light tablet (same as above)
- White pencil for dark fabrics
- 1/2 yard Fusible Web (Regular weight Wonder-Under, Misty-Fuse, Steam-a-Seam light **not** Heat 'n Bond)
- Scraps of solid white and black fabric
- Optional: Mini Iron and pressing surface
- Sharp pointy scissors
- 1 Fat-Quarter of solid or tone-on-tone fabric for "skin", can be any color!

- 1/8 yard a little darker than your “skin” fabric, plus one more fabric -1/8 yard even darker
- 2-3 Fat-Eighths tone-on-tone prints to share with the class
- Zip-loc bag fully filled with fabric scraps to share with class
 - include as many solids or tone-on-tone prints as you can (same as above, include larger pieces)
 - wild prints are fantastic for hair
- You will choose your background fabric at home after class

Please read through this advanced preparation page for six hour classes:

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