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Exploring the art of Nicola Farquhar

Enjoy coloring-in with paint, crayons, and felt tips to create a re-arrangeable portrait and bodily structures from our downloadable template drawings based on microscopic cells and shapes found in our bodies.

Suitable for pre-schoolers (with assistance) through to adults.

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The Artist's Work

Nicola Farquhar's paintings ask, what does it mean to be human? Is it our ability to walk on two legs, to converse with one another, to feel emotion? Or is being human all about our cells and biology? As humans, we are made up of millions of tiny cells that can only be seen under a microscope. They jiggle and vibrate with life, full of colour, texture, shape and form.

Art could be seen as doing the exact same thing, giving us life and helping us understand the world around us, and ourselves. Nicola's paintings can be seen as portraits, even if some of them don't have round heads, two eyes or a mouth. So, they are asking the viewer to think about what a human might look like if all our cells were arranged in a different way.

Top: Nicola Farquhar, *Hoop* (2019), oil on linen, 300x250mm
Bottom: Nicola Farquhar, *I.W.* (2020), oil and acrylic on linen, 500x500mm
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YOU WILL NEED:

- Printed A4 template sheet provided. No printer? Just copy the outlines onto paper.
- Coloured pencils
- Felt tips
- Acrylic paint, any bright bold colours, see a colour wheel for ideas
- Scissors
- Cotton buds
- Glue
- A4 box lid or shoe box lid
- Coloured paper



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GUIDE

Enjoy over one or a few sessions. Approximate activity time: 2 hours. Don't forget to take a break!

First, create a safe space to work in, perhaps put some newspaper down.

1. **GO WILD** colouring in the shapes with pencils, felt tips, crayons, paint, use a cotton bud or paint brushes to add paint
2. **BUILD UP** texture and pattern on your template shapes
3. **TAKE** your time and enjoy the process
4. **CUT OUT** your shapes
5. **PLACE** a piece of coloured card in box
6. **PLACE** the shapes in your box or frame and arrange and re-arrange
7. **GLUE** shapes to background for permanent picture (optional)
8. **STAND BACK** and look at your creation. Well done!
9. **UPLOAD** your creation to social media (ask your parents) and be sure to tag us in: @teurugallery or #teuru
10. **SEND** us a photo: info@teuru.org.nz

Well done on completing your artwork!

We'll be uploading new activities regularly so be sure to keep an eye on our LEARN page for updates.

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