

# *Behind My Head is a Background*

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Can the feeling of a portrait be affected by the background? Students studied several of Valentin Popov's portraits and talked about all of the colors, patterns, images, and text used, and then considered how these might contribute to the overall mood of the paintings. For their own self-portraits, each student had their photo taken and was then randomly assigned two of these emotions: surprised, tired, happy, bored, angry, playful, shy, frightened, or sad. They expressed one emotion as a watercolor painting and the other as a collage. Each student carefully cut out two copies of their photograph and pasted one onto each background, revealing interesting differences in our impressions of the portraits. Perhaps you can guess which emotion is expressed in each background.

# *Detrás de mi Cabeza hay un Fondo*

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¿Puede el fondo influir en el sentimiento hacia un retrato? Los estudiantes evaluaron varios de los retratos de Valentín Popov y hablaron sobre todos los colores, formas, imágenes, y texto usado, y luego consideraron como pueden contribuir al ánimo general de las pinturas. Para sus propios autorretratos, cada estudiante se tomó una foto suya y luego se le asignaron dos de estas emociones: sorpresa, cansado, feliz, aburrido, enojado, travieso, tímido, asustado, o triste. Ellos expresaron una emoción como una pintura en acuarela y la otra como un collage. Cada estudiante cortó cuidadosamente dos copias de su fotografía y pegó una en el fondo, revelando interesantes diferencias en nuestras impresiones de los retratos. Posiblemente usted pueda adivinar cual emoción se expresa en cada fondo.

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