

Classics Re-Imagined

Inspired by Kehinde Wilde

Artist Info:

Kehinde Wilde is a contemporary African-American painter. He is Los Angeles born and now resides in New York City. He received his MFA degree in Arts from Yale University and was the recipient of the 2014 Nation Medal of Arts. **Wiley** is best known for his realistic images of African-Americans, typically posed like poses of aristocrats in Renaissance master paintings. **Wiley** is the first African -American artist commissioned to paint an official presidential portrait.

Art Activity

Create your own re-imagined classic painting by either drawing or painting. Find or think of a classic painting that you like (ex. Monet, Van Gogh, Renoir) and then make the background a fun pattern (you can even use scrapbook paper as background) and then modernize the main character. So if the main character is a prince on a horse, you can instead make the main character yourself or a friend or family member wearing modern day clothes and accessories (ex. Headphones).

Materials needed (Paint project)

Paper, , paintbrush, pencil

Materials needed (paper design)

Paper, colored pencil/markers, scrapbook paper (optional)

-First find a classic painting that you like. Sketch your main character.

-Then on your paper, paint or draw a fun patterned background around your main character. Use repetition of shapes, bright color and fill all the page.

-Paint or color your main character. Make sure the main character is yourself, friend , family member or someone else you know. Then work on modernizing your main character clothes and accessories.

