DRAWING IDEAS SHEET - SELF PORTRAITS

From Rembrandt to Van Gogh, Frida Kahlo and Albrecht Durer, artists have made self portraits through history. Even the hand prints on the earliest cave paintings were in a way, recordings of the self. During Covid 19, for many of us, we will be our own most willing and available models. Here's a short project to try so grab a piece of paper, a pencil and look hard at yourself in a mirror!



Sketch details in loosely. Draw a line down the middle of the head and half way between chin and the top of the head.



Roughly draw in features, your eyes will be roughly half way between scalp and chin.



Begin to bring in some tone and work a little more on the features.



Continue building tone to give strong form to your drawing



Half shut your eyes to get the dark areas as dark as they should be.



Finish up by bringing in the background and making any last changes.