

# Self-Portrait — Then and Now

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child creates two self-portraits side by side: one drawn in the style of how they drew at the beginning of the year, and one showing their current artistic ability. This powerfully demonstrates their growth.

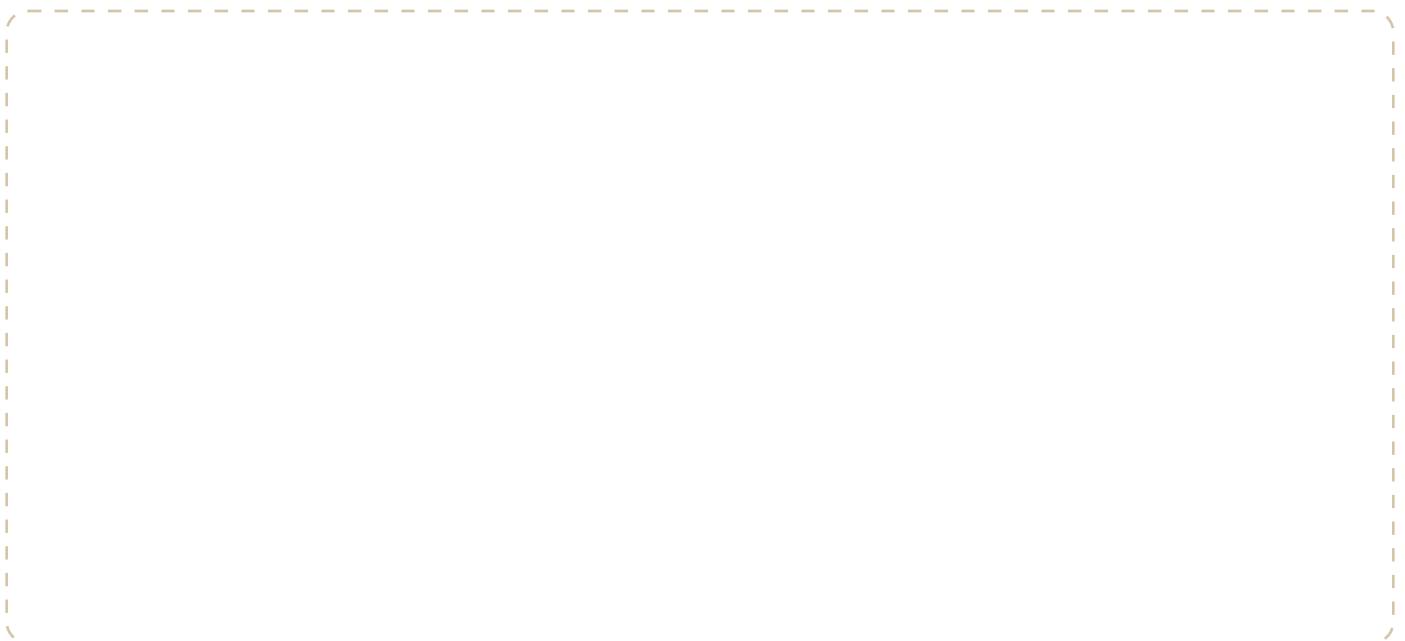
## What You Need:

- Large drawing paper (folded in half)
- Pencil
- Colored pencils or crayons
- Mirror
- Early-year artwork for comparison (if available)

## Steps:

1. 'Artists often look at how their art has changed over time. Let's see how YOUR art has grown!'
2. Show the child their earliest self-portrait or drawing from the year (if saved).
3. Fold a large paper in half. Label left side 'Beginning of the Year' and right side 'Now.'
4. 'On the left, try to draw yourself the way you used to draw — simple, like when you were just starting.'
5. 'On the right, draw yourself NOW, using all the skills you have learned — details, proportions, colors, backgrounds.'
6. Compare the two: 'Look at the difference! Your hands and eyes have learned so much!'
7. Add to portfolio.

## Work Space:

A large dashed rectangular box, intended for the child to draw their self-portraits side-by-side. The box is empty and occupies the lower half of the page.

