



Craftyannies Home CIC
Love, Laugh, Share, Remember

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Welcome

This is your second pack of a group of five that provides art-based activities that don't require a computer, tablet or mobile to complete. All the packs build towards you making a graphic journal based on you and the people around you.

In this pack, we will be creating your Analogue Avatar, using the old-school technique of picture tracing. To help you get started, there is a sheet of tracing paper, five colouring pens and a pencil, and some pictures from magazines to give you ideas.

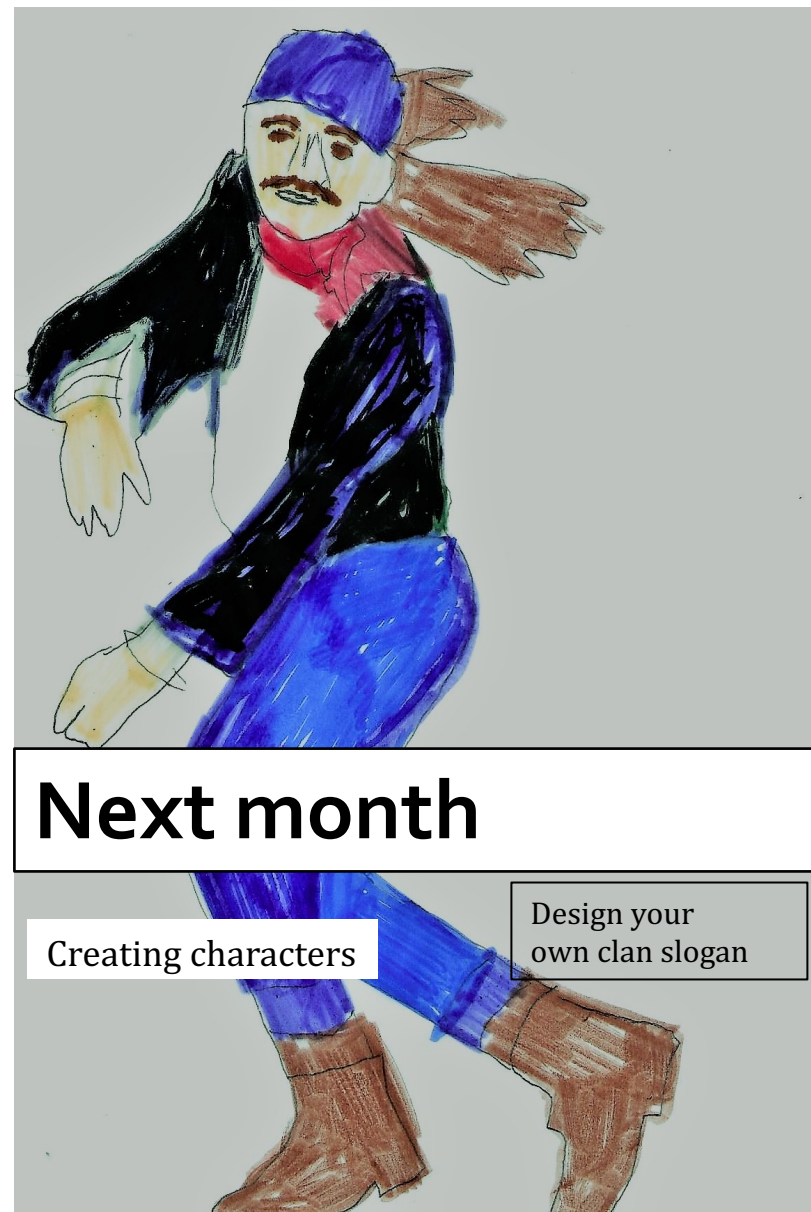
As well as creating what your character will look like, we will also be starting to build your backstory and the story you want to tell in your journal. We will be showing you how to use cut-ups to spark your imagination – so there is also a page of text from a magazine for you to make a start.

To help you further build your character, we will be creating a self-portrait using words.

For a bit of fun, we will also be looking at sticker bombs. We have included a blank sheet of labels for you to create your own stickers to decorate your folder.

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Annie x



Next month

Creating characters

Design your
own clan slogan

About us

Craftyannies Home CIC

We have been providing craft workshops for all ages and abilities in the Hailsham and Polegate area since 2017.

Our workshops include School's Out Craft Club for children and Me-Time sessions which provide wellbeing through craft.

In 2021, we will be running three workshop groups that are flexible to government Covid-19 guidelines. These groups are:

- Power of Plants 2
- This Is Me
- The Life Tree

Power of Plants 2 is our next project and begins on 19th May, while the This is Me face-to-face workshops start on 20th May.

For more information on any of these groups, contact us on:

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My Life Tree:
'family roots'
are set but
the branches
are starting
to bud.



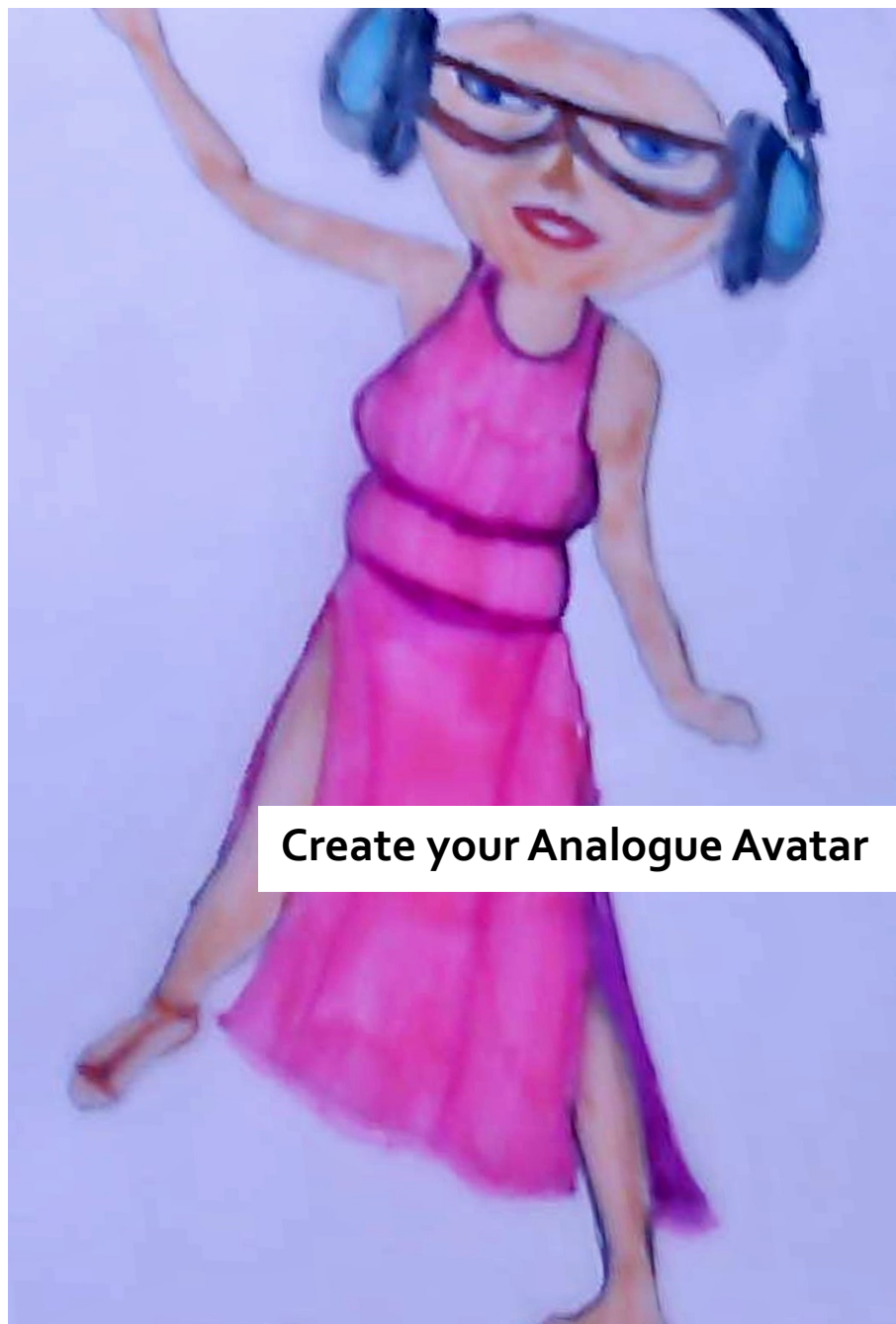
Sussex Community Development Association – Hailsham Community Hub is based at 28 North Street, Hailsham. The hub offers a variety of services and support. We co-ordinate the **Join Together Befriending** programme, **Seeds and Weeds community allotment, groups, courses** and a **school-uniform donation station**. If you are looking for things to do in Hailsham, or would like support to access services, then please get in touch.

PACE – It takes a village to raise a child – this project pilots exciting new ways of providing guidance and support to young people and their families in the Hailsham area to help them to engage with education. It is aimed at young people at **risk of low attainment or exclusion from their place of education**. It offers them a great chance to take part in activities that support their **wellbeing** and **motivation** to attend school, as well as to have some fun and meet new people in a Covid-secure setting. For further details, please email Shannon.Payne@sussexcommunity.org.uk

Our volunteers are an essential part of our team. They come to us with a range of life experiences and skills, which they share with their community. There are a variety of volunteer roles, so if you would like to volunteer, or want to know more about our services, then please contact us on:

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Go Analogue with your Avatar

No tech required with this old-school technique.

Don't be put off doing this if you feel you can't draw. My drawing skills are limited, so I use tracing paper and pictures from magazines, newspapers and photos to create the image I want.

Starting with your head and face, work out what characteristics make you who you are.

My most recognisable characteristics are:

- my round face
- my prominent chin
- my glasses
- my lack of hair.

Then look through any newspapers, magazines or flyers for images that have

these features. You can have more than one.

Get your This Is Me shield and use it as a guide to work out your character. My chosen picture was a lucky find – an apple with a pair of headphones on.

The apple is round, and it is quite easy to draw glasses on it. The headphones also show that I love music; it's one of the things on my This Is Me shield.



Create a picture using words

Use your favourite words to describe you

Creating a word portrait of yourself is easy, the hard bit is getting started.

Think about positive words, phrases or sentences that mean something to you or make you feel good about yourself. Then take your figure and start to fill it in with those words, phrases and sentences.

Work around the body like I have in the picture on the next page. Use a biro or gel pens if have them, as you can then use the words to create hair, features and clothes. I used felt-tip pens so that they would show up better but some of the words are smudged and blurred.

Here are a few of my favourite phrases to give you ideas.

- Born to be brave
- Make it so
- Don't dream it, be it
- I have a dream.

Write a word portrait

Make a self-portrait using words

Included in your pack is a figure on coloured card for you to create your word portrait using words and phrases that mean something to you.

Creating your head



An apple with headphones on, perfect!



My first attempt at Craftyfonez

Take your sheet of tracing paper and, using some pegs, clip the tracing paper to your picture. Make sure you leave enough room to put your body underneath your head. Then take a pencil and carefully draw around the features you want to use in your finished avatar.

Once you have traced all the features that you want, add in any other features to make it you. For example, on my avatar, I needed to add glasses, eyes, a nose, a mouth and a chin.

Hair

Eyes & Nose

Mouth

Tip: If you need to draw in features on a face, follow this diagram to help you.

Choosing the body

When you have finished with your head, start working on your body.

Here's the picture that I chose; it seemed to show how I like to see myself – being active and outside and those were on my This Is Me shield.

Once you have chosen your body, take the tracing paper and carefully line up your head with the body.

Then peg the tracing paper to the picture and begin to draw around the outline of the picture you can see through the tracing paper.



Using the peelable sticky dots, carefully stick the words together so that they run in the order you want them to.

Here is the start of my story from the storyboard above... the words on the storyboard are in capitals:

Craftyfonez had her **SPRING AWAKENING**. She put her **BEST FOOT FORWARD**, decided there would be **NO MORE DUVET DAYS**. She was **#BORN TO DARE**, **BE BOLD** and start a **CHAIN REACTION**.

That **CHAIN REACTION** was to encourage people to learn to be creative, use their imagination and find the peace that comes from reusing, recycling and re-loving to save the planet.

Cut up

A different way to create characters and stories

Before you start, please ask if there are any magazines, newspapers or flyers that you can use for this. You will be tearing out pages and cutting them up, so ask if it's ok first



Gather a pile of magazines, papers or flyers together that are ok to take pages out of or cut up. You will also need your storyboard from Kit One.

Go through the pile choosing any pages that have interesting phrases or words on them. If the writing is small, highlight the words you want with a felt tip or highlighter.

Cut out your chosen words and lay them on your storyboard. Play around with them until you get them in an order you like.

Use scraps of paper to write words, phrases or sentences to fill in any gaps and finish the story.

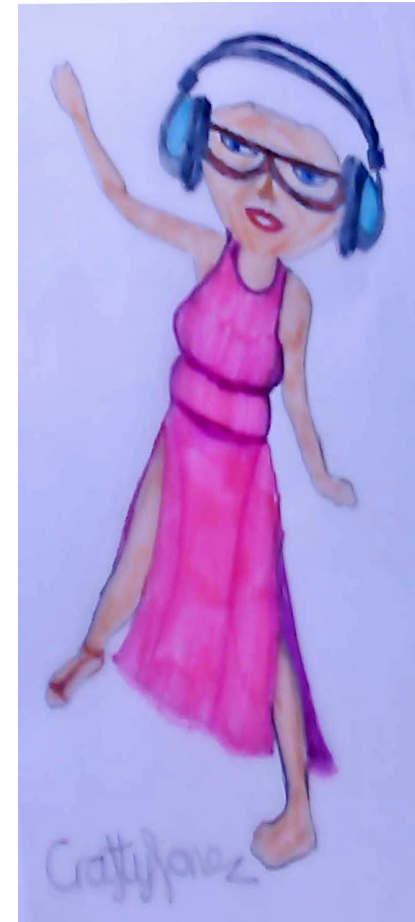
Dress up and colouring in

Once you have the outline of your Analogue Avatar, you can make changes, dress and colour them in any way you want.

To make my body shape more realistic for me, I drew in lines curving outwards for my chest and tummy.

I then gave myself a maxi dress as I love to wear them, and I added one sandal on my foot as I'm a bit clumsy so I'm always losing a shoe.

When I coloured in, I used a darker pink to outline and draw in shadows.

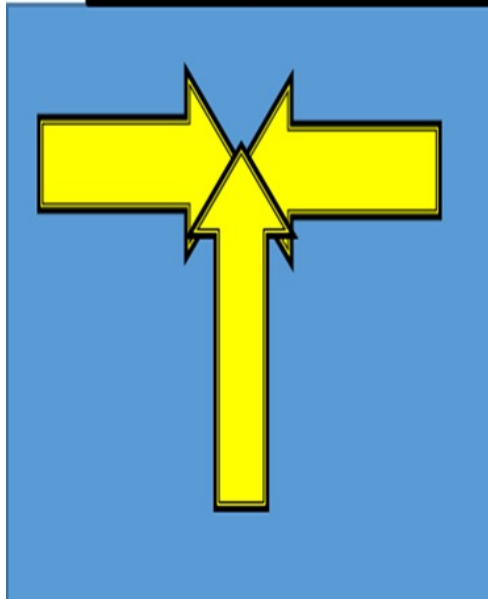


Sticker bombs, or how to take a sheet of labels and design, draw and colour stickers to personalise your books, bags, lunchboxes or drinks bottles.

The labels can be cut to any shape just make sure that they stay inside the size of the label (9cm wide by 3cm high).

You can also use the borders of the labels as a grid, if you remove the labels carefully. You can leave the grid white or colour it in.

Please remember these stickers are for using on your own property.



Sticker bombs



Use your tag and avatar face as a sticker.



Become a robot, like Maria from the 1927 film *Metropolis*.



Artists like Keith Haring used simple sticker images to paste around the New York subway.