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## This Week's Craft:

### Silhouette Portraits



## READ

- [A Potrait of the Artist as a Young Cat](#) by Nia Gould. A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Cat is a book of more than 20 influential artists reimagined as artistic felines. From Frida Catlo to Yayoi Catsama, Wassily Catdinski to Henri Catisse, each portrait of the artist as a young cat is accompanied by a clever tongue-in-cheek biography revealing the thrilling feline lives (all nine) behind their famed artwork.
- [A Portrait in Poems: The Storied Life of Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas](#) by Evie Robillard & Rachel Katstaller Here's an insider's tour of the lives of Gertrude Stein and her partner, Alice B. Toklas. It explores Gertrude and Alice's art collection, their famous writer and artist friends and even their dog, Basket. A celebration of creativity and the creative process, this innovative and readable biography champions two women who dared to live unconventional lives.
- [Drawing Family Portraits](#) by Peter Gray This professional guide to creating convincing artworks of family members, with step-by-step instruction throughout, is ideal for those starting out in portraiture. With extensive instruction on the crucial skill of capturing a likeness in a wide variety of styles, the exercises are clear and easy to follow. Sections include drawing the head from the front and in profile, three-quarter views, head and shoulders and full-length portraits, group portraits, caricature and pastiche.

## WATCH

- [You are My Friend](#) Mister Rogers is one of the most beloved television personalities, but before he was the man who brought us Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, he was just little Freddie Rogers. Although he was often sick and had trouble making friends as a child, his mom and grandfather encouraged him to ask for help and explore the world. With their support, he learned how to better say what he was feeling and see the beauty around him. As he grew up, he realized he could spread the message of compassion, equality, and kindness through television. You Are My Friend is a gentle homage to Fred Rogers that shows how his simple message still resonates with us today: "There's no person in the world like you, and I like you just the way you are."

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