

## Newark Community Art Club with Elaine Winter Session 7: Portraits inspired by Hassan Hajjij

### Materials needed:

Pencil, rubber, sharpener

Ruler useful but not essential

Glue Stick (or any paper glue you have at home)

White paper to draw on (any size you like to work on and whatever you have at hand) – ideally several sheets

Scissors

Any collage paper you have which can include wrapping paper, bright and/or patterned packaging

Bright coloured felt tip pens

Highlighter pens if you have them

OR do it all on your phone:

Get some bright patterned fabrics and bright/distinctive props – see Activity 4



**Introduction:** Look up the artist Hassan Hajjij. He is an artist who works between London and Marrakech (Morocco) and his portraits are brilliantly colourful and full of pattern. He has made portraits of some very famous people including Billie Eilish, Cardi B and Madonna, check those portraits out and analyse his style by noting the colours, the patterns, what the subjects are wearing, what props they have around them, how they are posing, the camera angle.

**Activity 1:** Look at the collage papers you have and make a rectangular portrait background with one of them and then use another collage paper to make a frame around it. Look for bright colours and repeating patterns.

**Activity 2:** Now add the subject. Draw a strong outline drawing of either yourself or someone else but you can add any clothing style and props of your choice. Look at Hajjij's work – try adding sunglasses, and instrument or something else like a bike etc – make it say something about the subject of the portrait.

**Activity 3:** Cut out the portrait of the figure carefully and then assemble your Hajjij inspired portrait on top of the collaged background and frame and glue it all to fix.

**Activity 4:** An alternative way to embrace this activity is to look for bright patterned textiles – could be curtains, bed covers, a throw etc to pin up and use as a backdrop, plus bright props like sunglasses, hats, and clothes and put yourself in the picture and pose like Cardi B before capturing it in a photo!

**Activity 5: Clear up!**