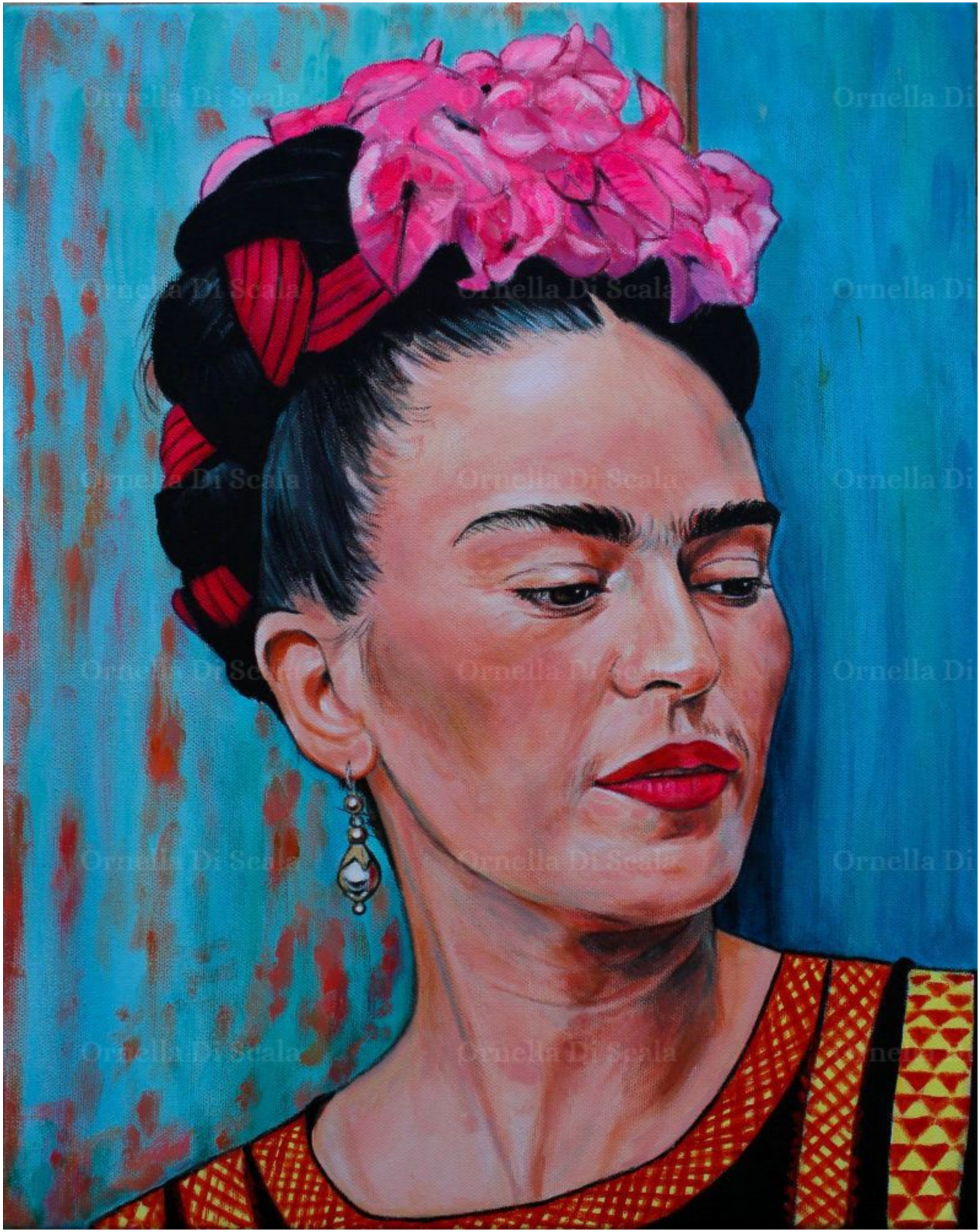

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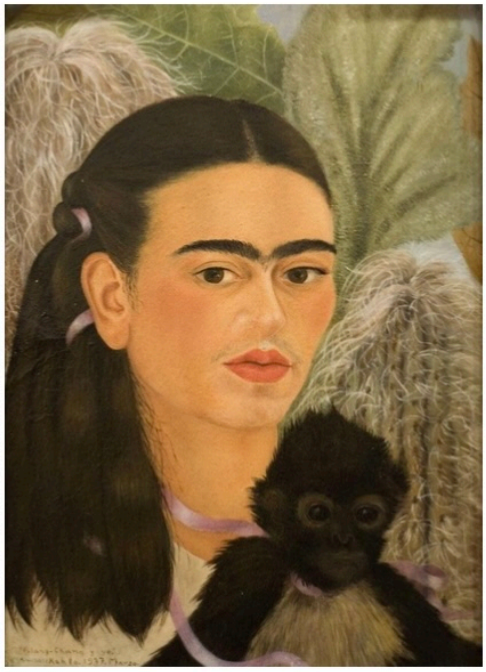
Masterpiece Makers Summer Camp 2026

Project 3: Inspired Kahlo Portrait

9 x 12 Bristol Board with Multimedia:

Markers, Colored Pencils, & Chalk Pastel





Frida Kahlo: Frida Kahlo's style was inspired by Mexican culture, nature, and folk art. Her paintings often included bright colors, flowers, animals, and symbolic details. She was especially known for painting herself and expressing strong emotions through her self portraits. Many of her works explored themes like identity, pain, strength, and creativity.

1. Pass out bristol board to each student.

2. Write your name on the back of the paper with HB Pencil.

3. Using a HB pencil, carefully draw the line-art. Don't think of the art as a person, just focus on drawing one shape at a time.

4. **Trace over** all pencil lines with a **thin black Sharpie**.

5. Using **Markers:**
    a. Begin coloring in the basic colors of the foreground. Keep your colors light as we will be building shadows and details later!
    b. Use short, controlled strokes that slightly overlap to avoid watermarks.
    c. Add a second layer of marker in areas that have dark shadows. Like the neck, cheek bones, and hair.

6. Using **Colored Pencils:**
    a. Begin building shadows and highlights in areas of high contrast. Use a blending pencil to smooth colored pencils into the marker.
    b. Add small details like eyebrows, eyelashes, hair texture, and extra designs.

7. Using Chalk Pastel, add a light dusting to the background. Spray with hairspray to fix.
    a. **TIP:** Use a bright color to create a high contrast piece!