

## **AMY SHERALD**

Amy Sherald is an American artist known for her photograph-based portraits. While she is perhaps most known for her painting of former first lady Michelle Obama, Sherald has been creating portraits of individuals from the African American community for decades. Sherald's body of work is unique in that she renders the skin of her subjects in black and white. The color she instead infuses into clothing and accessories as well as the vibrant backgrounds that characterize the dreamy, empty spaces that her subjects inhabit. As a result, the "color" of her subjects' skin become less of the focus than the markers of identity, difference, and self-expression with which they choose to adorn and present themselves.





You can watch Sherald talk about her work at CAM by following <a href="thick">this link: https://camstl.org/video/artist-talk-amy-sherald/</a>

You can create your own portrait in a similar style to Sherald by following the steps below!

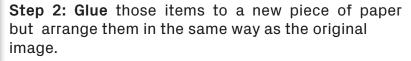


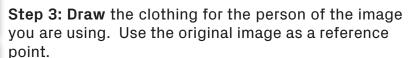
## **REMIX PORTRAIT**

Required Materials: a black and white image of a person, pencil, paper, crayons or markers



**Step 1: Select** an image from a magazine, internet or use an image of yourself. Cut out the face, arms, legs, etc. of the person in the image you are using.







**Step 4: Use** an art medium for coloring the clothing. In the example crayons are used but other options could be used.

**Step 5: Color in** the background. Markers were used for the the example but other art mediums could be used.





