

VISUAL ARTS - CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

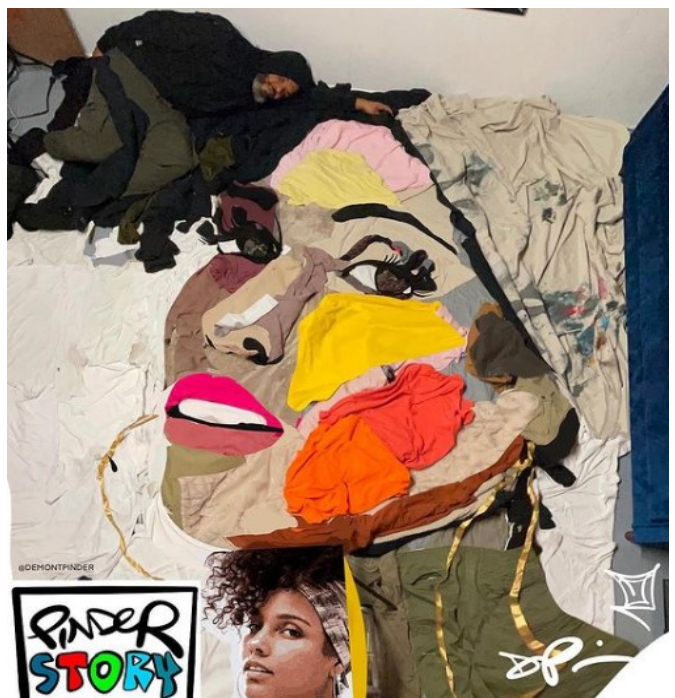
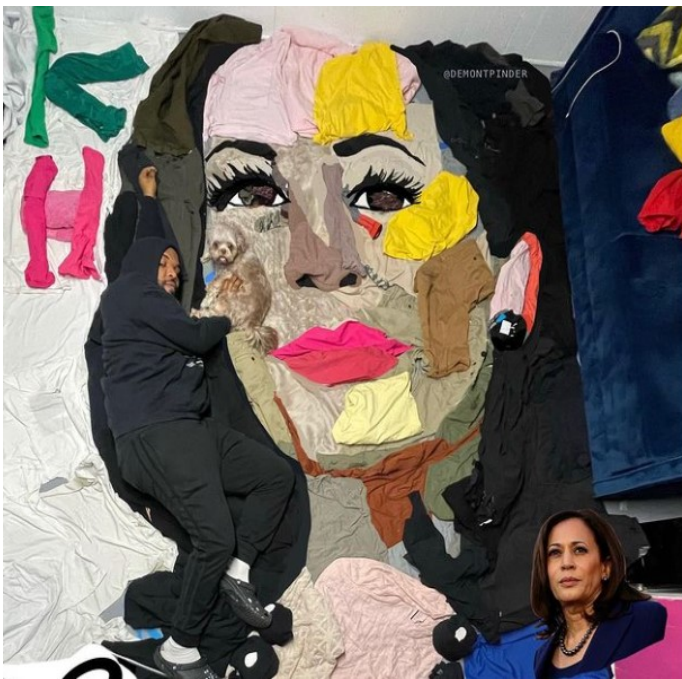
ART LINK: LAUNDREY/MIXED MEDIA FACIAL COMPOSITION

Demont Peekaso Pinder: [Time Lapse Video of his Artistic Process](#)

"One of the cool things about art it brings out different emotions in different people. Originally from Queens NY, Demont discovered his artistic talent in the sixth grade drawing on his friends trapper keepers. Using his self taught gift of painting, Demont has blessed the lives of many, celebrity and around the way folk alike.

[Demont Peekaso Pinder](#), a curator of culture, creates large artworks using pieces of clothing to create beautiful portrait compositions of people that have influenced his life. Many of his portraits represent his culture and heritage and pay tribute to both the past and present.

Look closely below...Can you find the artist Demont Pinder in his artwork?



BIG IDEA: Create a portrait composition using your clothing at home.

ACTIVITY #1:

- Rearrange your clothing/laundry to create a soft sculpture relief portrait, facial expression or character in the style of artist Demont Pinder, a popular artist in Washington D.C. You can also find more of his work by searching his name on facebook and instagram.

Check out the time lapse [video documenting his process](#) of one of his creations, made from clothing in honor of Martin Luther King: The title of the work is "The Soul (Sole) and Journey of a King."

- *NOTE* Your composition does not need to take up the entire floor of a room...and make sure to clean up your laundry after you take a picture to document.
- Take it further and create an entire body or a famous piece of artwork.
- Make sure to take a photograph to document and so yo can also use for a reference for Activity #2!
- Don't forget to put your clothing away afterwards.

ACTIVITY #2:

DRAW a picture of your clothing creation! Take it further and get creative by adding more to it and a surrounding environment.

ACTIVITY#3:

ANSWER AT LEAST 3 of the 5 REFLECTION QUESTIONS BELOW:

- Why do you think Demont Pinder creates art using clothing?
- What do you believe the purpose of making his compositions so big?
- How do you think Demont Pinder chooses his subject to create into art?
- What did you discover about the artist and yourself when making your own Dermot Pinder inspired composition?
- What are ways you can celebrate your own culture and heritage?



Students examples above

Examples of teacher and student work:



Here are some less detailed ideas and examples from Austrian artist [Bela Borsodi](#).

At first glance they look like any other rumpled piles of clothing; bundled heaps of discarded laundry left lying on the floor. But a closer look at these carefully folded shirts and jackets reveals a quite remarkable series of individual faces and even expressions.

Painstakingly arranged, these piles of shirts, dresses, jumpers, jeans and coats have been transformed into individual faces before the end result is photographed.

