

Favorite Toys

Ages 5–12

Pierre-Auguste Renoir was one of the first artists to paint landscapes in the impressionist style, using bright colors and quick brushstrokes to capture details before the light changed. Before Renoir became famous, he painted portraits for the elite of Paris's art world. Here, he painted an art collector's young daughter holding her cherished toy, a jump rope. What story does this portrait tell us about this young girl? Are Renoir's brushstrokes soft and wavy, or sharp and straight? Let's make a self-portrait with your own favorite toys around you.

Materials:

Mirror or photo of yourself, pencil, white paper (8.5x11), some of your favorite toys, crayons, colored pencils

Instructions:

Step 1: Look in the mirror or at a photo of yourself. Use a pencil to sketch what you see, filling the entire paper. You can focus on just your face or include your whole body.

Step 2: Add your toys into the drawing.

Step 3: Choose bright colors and lightly layer crayons and colored pencils to color in areas. Use a pencil to sharpen details.

Step 4: Add more color and details to your background. Share your work using #BarnesatHome.



Pierre-Auguste Renoir.
Girl with a Jump Rope
(Portrait of Delphine
Legrand), 1876

