

Activity 1 Watch the video and fill in the blank with the words you listen to.

passion	pastel	strokes	blending	expressions
exhibit	channel	faces	charcoal	inspire
commissioned	display	detail	shades	medium

Hi everyone. My name is Xiaonan and I am a portrait artist. That means I draw people's 1) _____. I create time-lapse videos on my 2) _____, the Portrait Art. And I also get 3) _____ to draw personal portraits. When I draw, I work mostly with 4) _____ and 5) _____ pencils. My favorite 6) _____ is charcoal because it is easy to manipulate and control. And it provides a wide range of 7) _____. Often people want a portrait they can frame. Then it is easy to hang up or 8) _____ somewhere. The frame also protects the drawing. I have actually had my work featured on TV and as part of a museum 9) _____. A portrait like this usually takes me around 3 to 4 hours to make. It requires a lot of 10) _____, so it is much more time-consuming than a rough sketch. I use different 11) _____ and techniques and 12) _____ methods to get the right shading. I love making art videos because it allows me to entertain and maybe 13) _____ others to pursue their own 14) _____. I also of course love to draw just for my own sake, especially portraits because the very act of creating art is fun, and human faces and 15) _____ are especially challenging and interesting to me.