

The Artist's Studio: *Bisa Butler: Portraits*

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Layering bold colors and vivid patterns, Bisa Butler creates portrait quilts that capture narratives of Black life and convey her subjects' individual identities.

Materials

Assorted fabric scraps (or papers)

Glue

Scissors

Inspiration image, such as a photo of an important person

"I hope people view my work and see the expressions of joy, the vibrancy of colors, and the quiet dignity of my portraits." —Bisa Butler

What brings you joy? Find a photograph of people who are special to you; gather bits of colored and patterned paper, scissors, and glue; and layer and piece together your materials to create a colorful assemblage.



Find information about Bisa Butler and the exhibition on the Art Institute's website, artic.edu.

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