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The Art of Creating Photographic Portrait Sketches

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Purpose: To combine a creative perspective where photography meets freehand sketching.

How: The process of sketching was a difficult task in the beginning. Having to learn how to sketch on a digital table was something completely different than it is on paper. I also had a very difficult time sketching on a glass screen. In order to combat this issue, I ordered a screen protector that was designed for digital artists. The paper like material helped me control the apple pencils glide on the surface. The next obstacle was learning how to layer on the Adobe Draw app in order to paint. Lastly, coming up with a fun design while keeping to the image’s origin was something to consider. Ultimately, the final design to the sketches was something I was very pleased with.

Conclusion: Having been able to find a digital solution to create a digital sketch was a difficult task. I eventually decided to use an app called Adobe Draw. Adobe Draw allowed me the flexibility to freely sketch my images using an iPad and an apple pencil. The results where more than satisfying and I was able to create something artistic while keeping the essence of the original content.