How to Draw a Portrait



Step 1:
Break the portrait down into the most fundamental shapes to try and capture the gesture and angle of the head. The simpler the better. This will be the foundation which we will build apon. The more time you spend at this stage, the stronger the structure will be at the end.



Step 3: Start to add some of the features. Make sure you establish the structure and proportions before addind any dark areas. Even though it's tempting!



Step 2: Start to break down the basic shapes into more complicated ones. Remember to keep using your erasor to keep your lines neat and to correct mistakes.



Step 4:
When you are confident with the structure, add the dark areas. As you add more, you may notice new problems with the proportions, but don't be afraid to change these.