

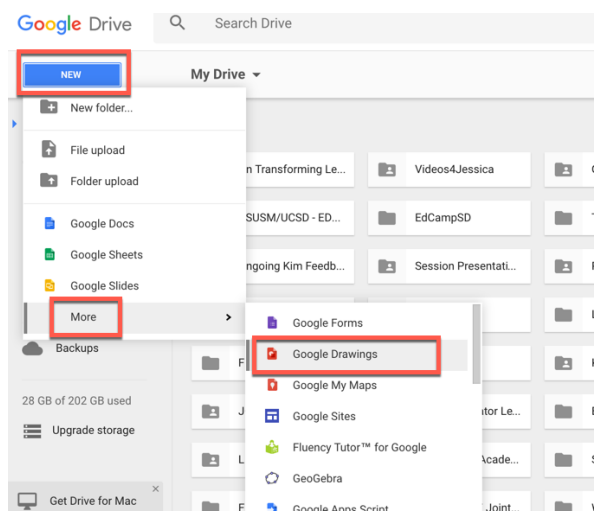


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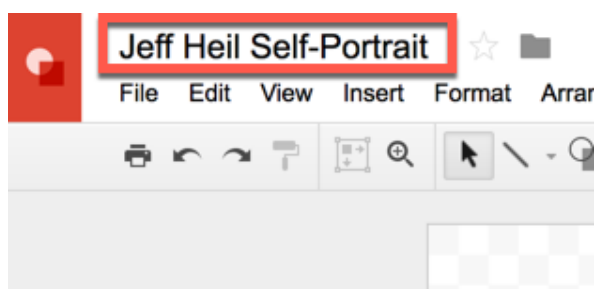
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Examples: <https://padlet.com/jheil65/geckoart>

1. Go to Google Drive, choose New and then More. Click on Google Drawing!

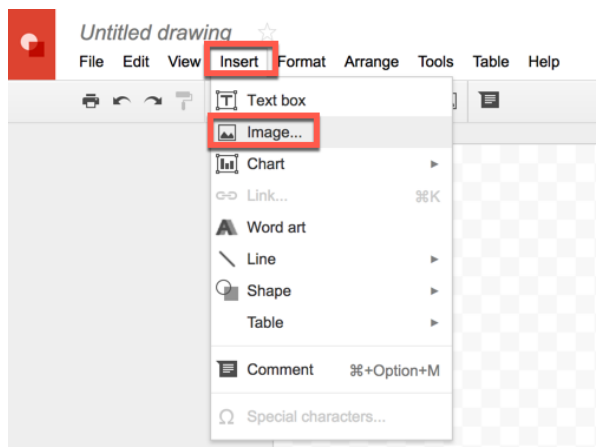
Note: If you are doing this in Google Classroom, you already have a Google Drawing pushed out to you!! Skip to step 3!



2. Title Your Drawing "Name" Self-Portrait



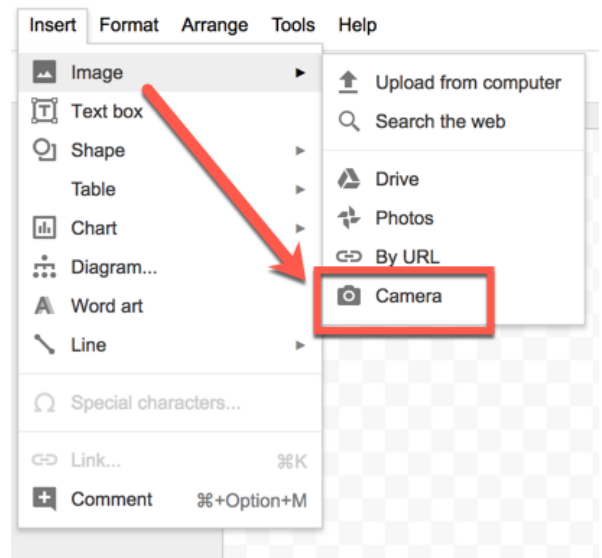
3. Click on Insert, then choose the photo icon. You can either take a snapshot or upload a picture of yourself.
Note: you want a closeup of your face to make the project easier.
Note: double-clicking on the image will allow you to crop out any part of the picture that you do not want.



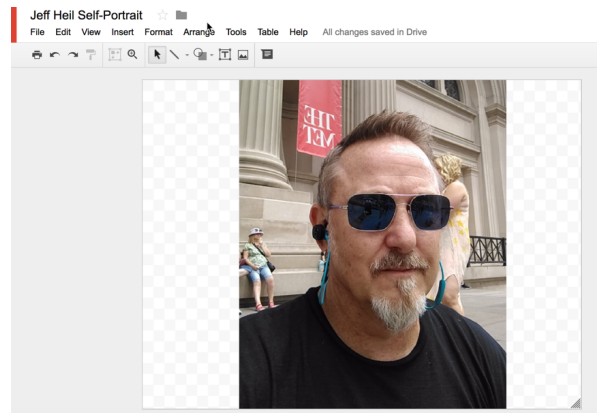


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4. Alert: Google Disabled the “Take a Snapshot” feature as it used Adobe Flash. They have now fixed the issue (see image); however, the image will come in a bit smaller than the sample, but that is ok!



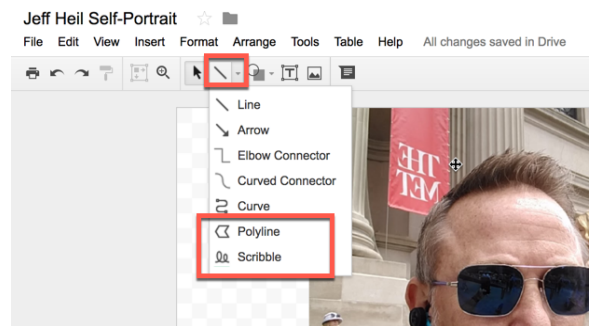
5. Resize the image so that it takes up the entire vertical aspect of the drawing background. I usually do this by placing the image in the upper-left of the canvas then click and hold the shift key while you drag the blue box in the lower-right of the image to fill the canvas.



6. Use the line tool (curve or polyline) to trace the shape of your head. The polyline and curve tools must start and stop at the same point to complete the shape. You know you have completed the shape when it populates your canvas as a filled-shape.

Note: this is helpful if drawing is hard for you. You could at least get a silhouette of yourself)

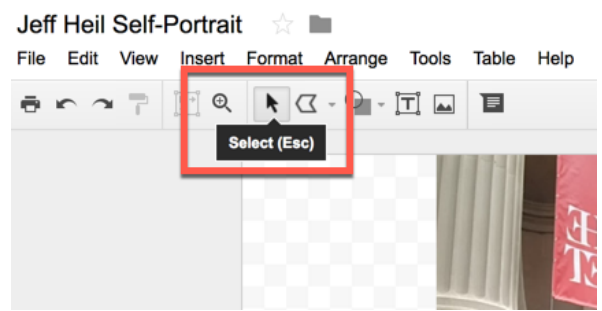
Scribble is a freehand tool for outlines and detail. . .it does NOT create a fillable shape, even if it is a completed shape.



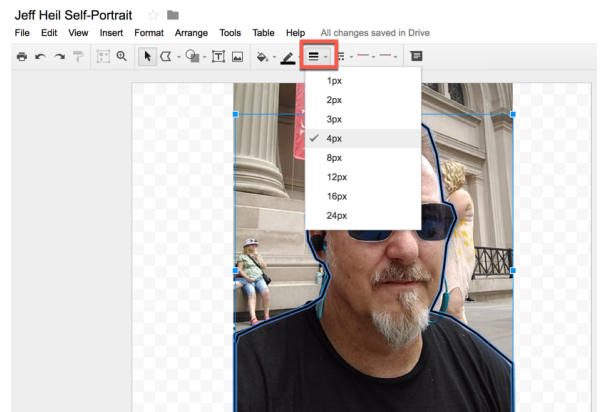


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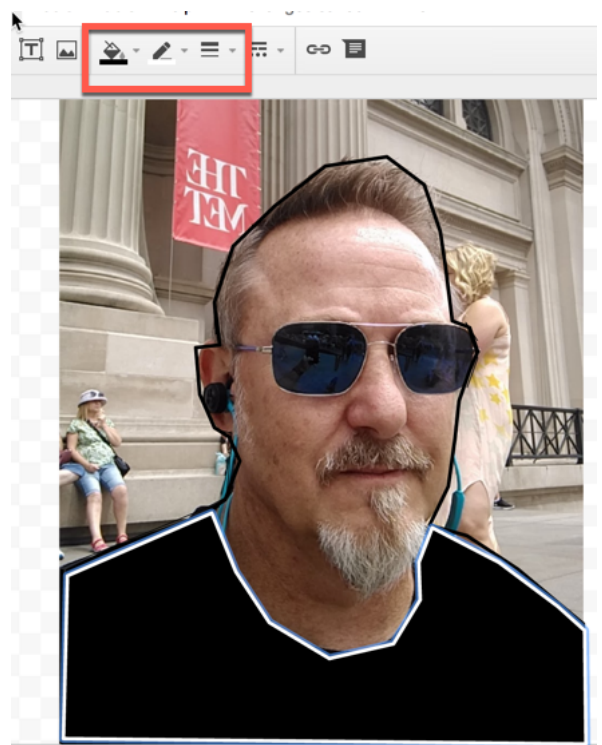
7. Always chose the “arrow/cursor” image in the edit tools to allow you to stop drawing or to select the line/shape you have drawn (or the “escape” key)



8. You can change the thickness of the line if you would like. If you have more than one line, hold the shift key and click on all of them.



9. Next, draw in as much detail as you would like. You can change the line color and the fill color as you continue to create the drawing of yourself.

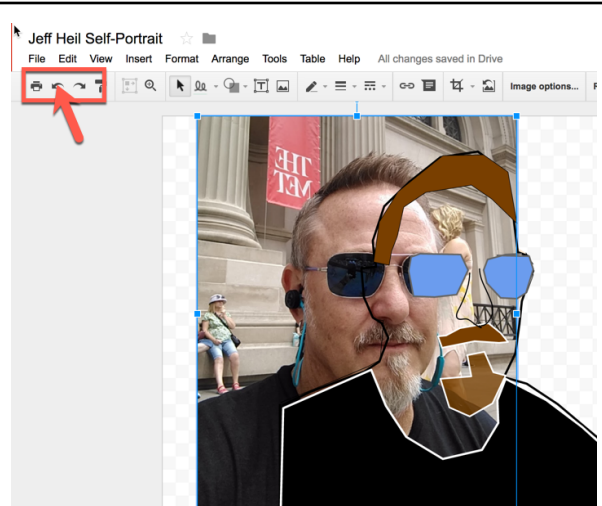




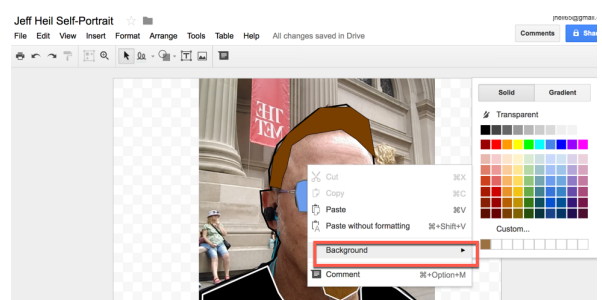
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10. To check the finished product, temporarily delete, or move your picture out of the way, look at your masterpiece, then “undo” the move so you can finish your drawing. You can also delete the image briefly then undo. **If you do this, ensure you do not do anything to your drawing as it will be deleted when you undo.**

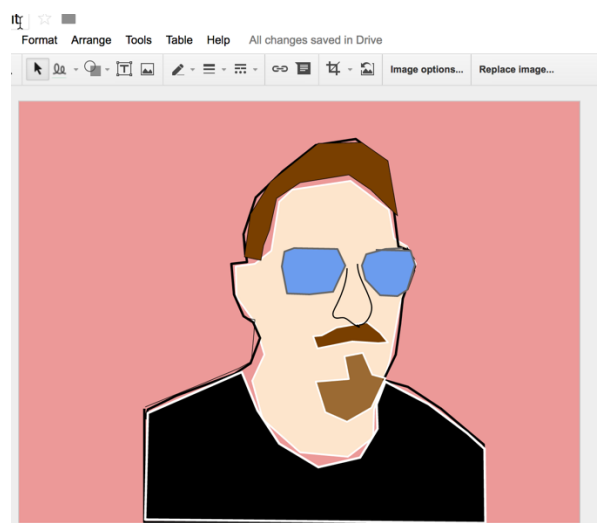
*****You could also make a copy of your original image and move it to the left or the right of the canvas. Some people like to do this as they draw on the image off-canvas, then drag the shapes into place on the canvas.**



11. When your drawing is finished, you can delete the background image. This will leave a transparent background behind your drawing. Right-click in the transparent area and choose a solid or gradient background color.



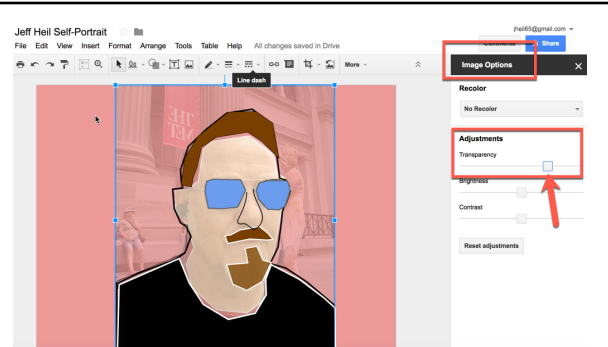
12. The finished image will look something like this, but hopefully a lot better ;-)





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13. Drop the opacity (how see-through or how opaque the image is) of the original picture.

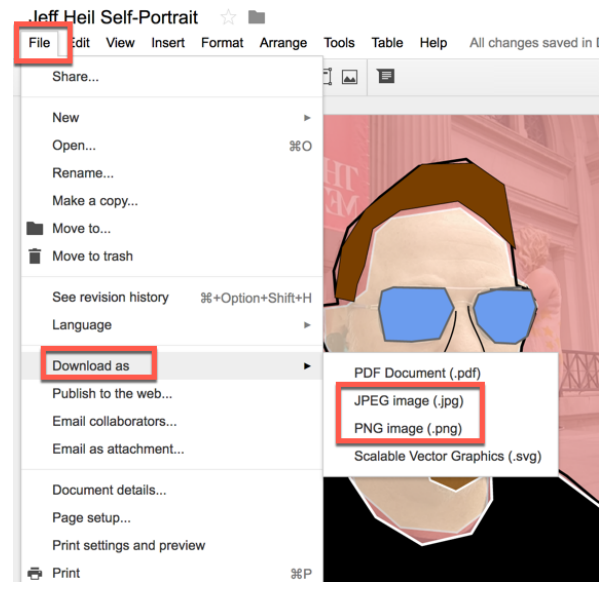


14. Scribble Tool: To add detail use the scribble tool to outline your jaw, lips, add forehead lines, strands of hair, etc. you can change the color of the lines as well)



15. Click on file>Download, and you will save your image as a .png or as a .jpeg file.

If you want to use your image without a background (something you could do if you want to put your avatar in other images), first save the image as a .png without a background. This will create a file with a transparent background. Next, fill the background and save that file as a .jpeg, which give you a nice avatar for social media, etc.





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16. Use your image as your avatar, or as your profile picture on your Google Site

