Age: 5+

Materials: Painter’s tape, cardboard sheets, scissors.

Introduction: Painting is always a very fun thing to do! But these days we can’t go out as much as we used to, so what if you run out of your favorite paint color? Or if you forget where you left your brush? You can always find other materials to paint with at home...like tape!

Masking tape, also known as painter's tape or sticky tape, is made of a thin and easy-to-tear paper with a sticky side. This kind of tape has many different uses: you can seal, bind, or attach things together...you can label and quickly fix things or, like in this case, use it to paint! Tape is a familiar material in our homes but used in an unfamiliar way, provides a challenge, and that’s part of the fun. Most people don’t paint with tape; therefore, practice is essential.

Activity: Tape Art Self-Portrait

- For this activity, you need to sit down in front of the mirror and observe your face. Explore all the parts of your face... your nose, your eyes, your ears, they all have different shapes. What shapes can you identify? Are your eyes round or oval? Do you think your nose looks like a triangle or more rounded?
Then, cut some strips of tape and start drawing the shapes of your face in the cardboard.

*Tip:* **Start with large shapes, then add details.**

You can also ask someone at home to pose for you and make their portrait!