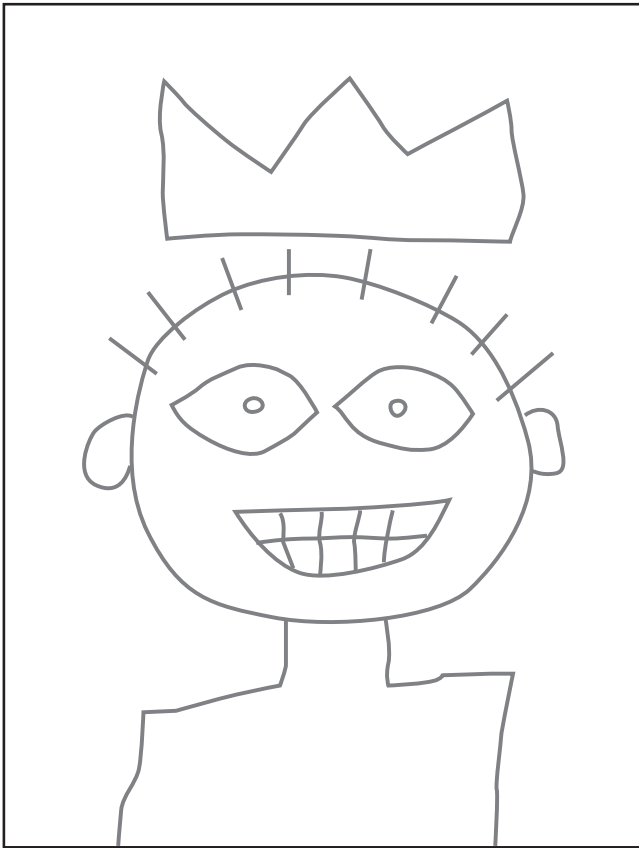


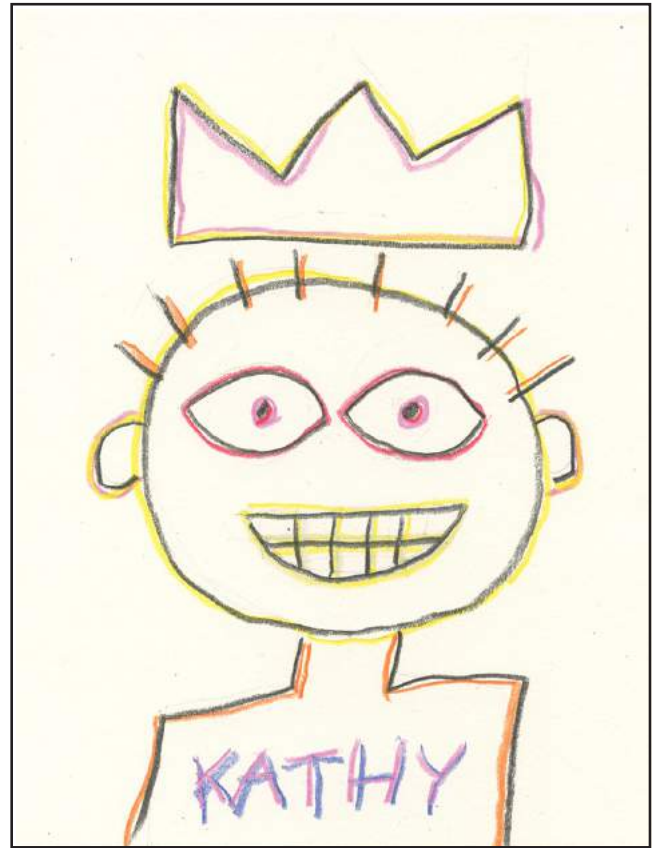
# Jean Michel Basquiat Art Project



# Directions for a Basquiat Art Project



Supplies: Watercolor paper, watercolor paint, crayons, pastels.  
1. Draw a simple body and a floating crown with a pencil. See the Draw like Basquiat sheet for inspiration.



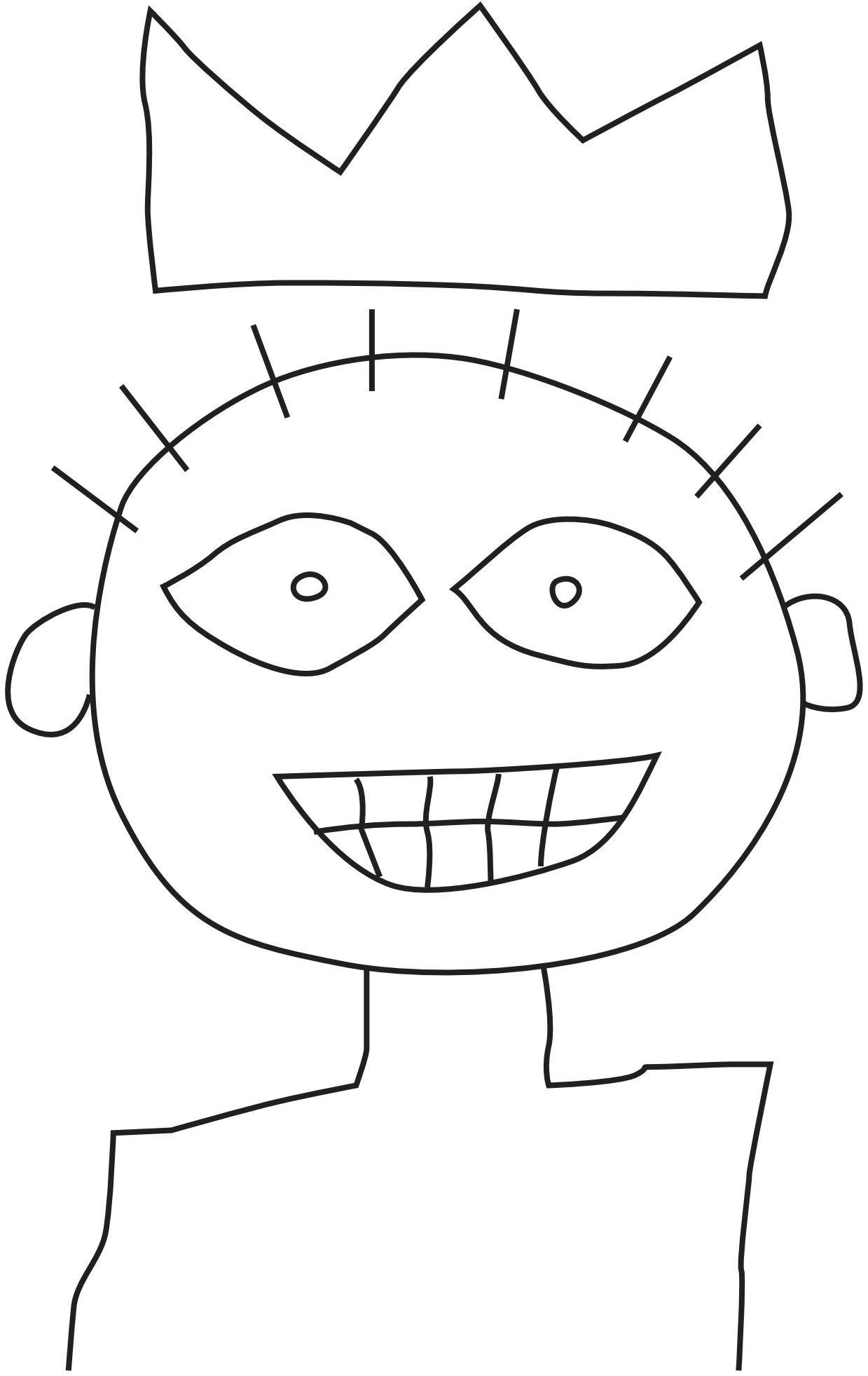
2. Trace with drawing with a black crayon.  
3. Trace again with more colors so every shape has at least 2 lines.



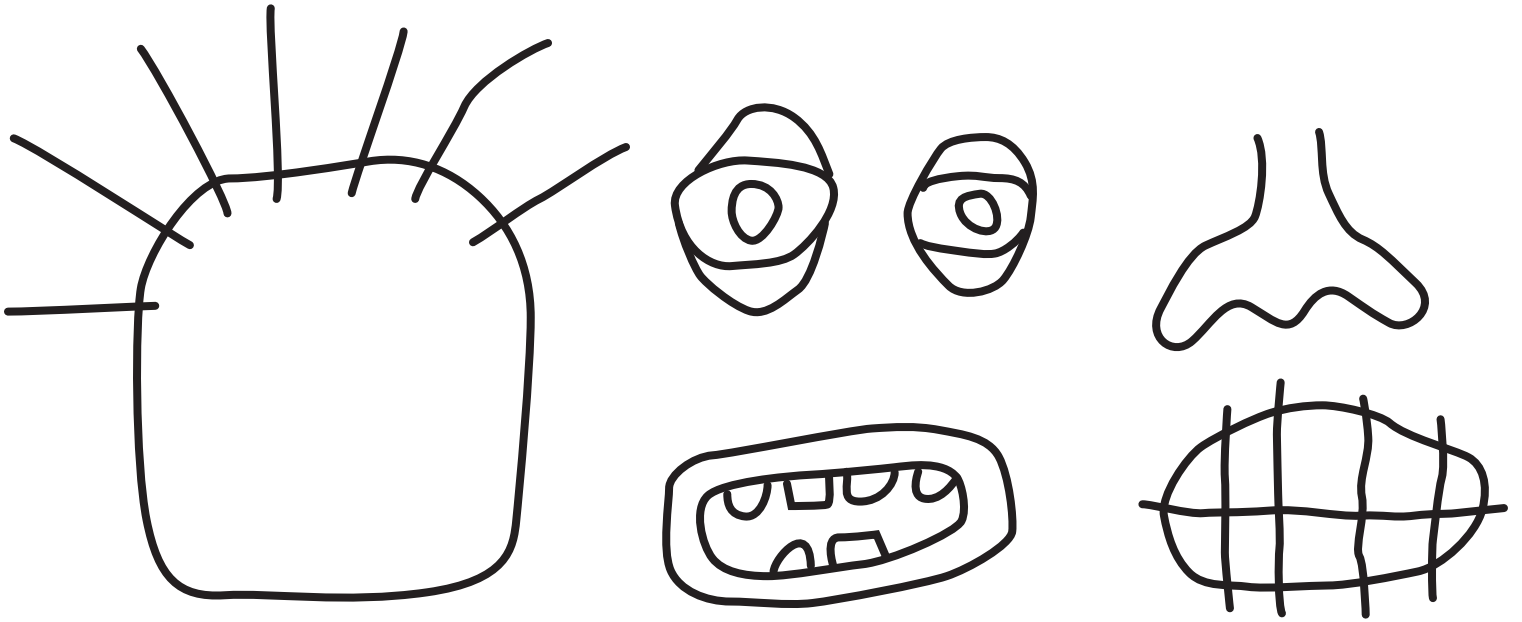
4. Draw some graffiti like shapes all around with crayons.  
5. Paint in blotches with watercolor paint. Let dry.



6. Trace over the body and crown with a black oil pastel.  
If the lines are light, trace again to make them thick.

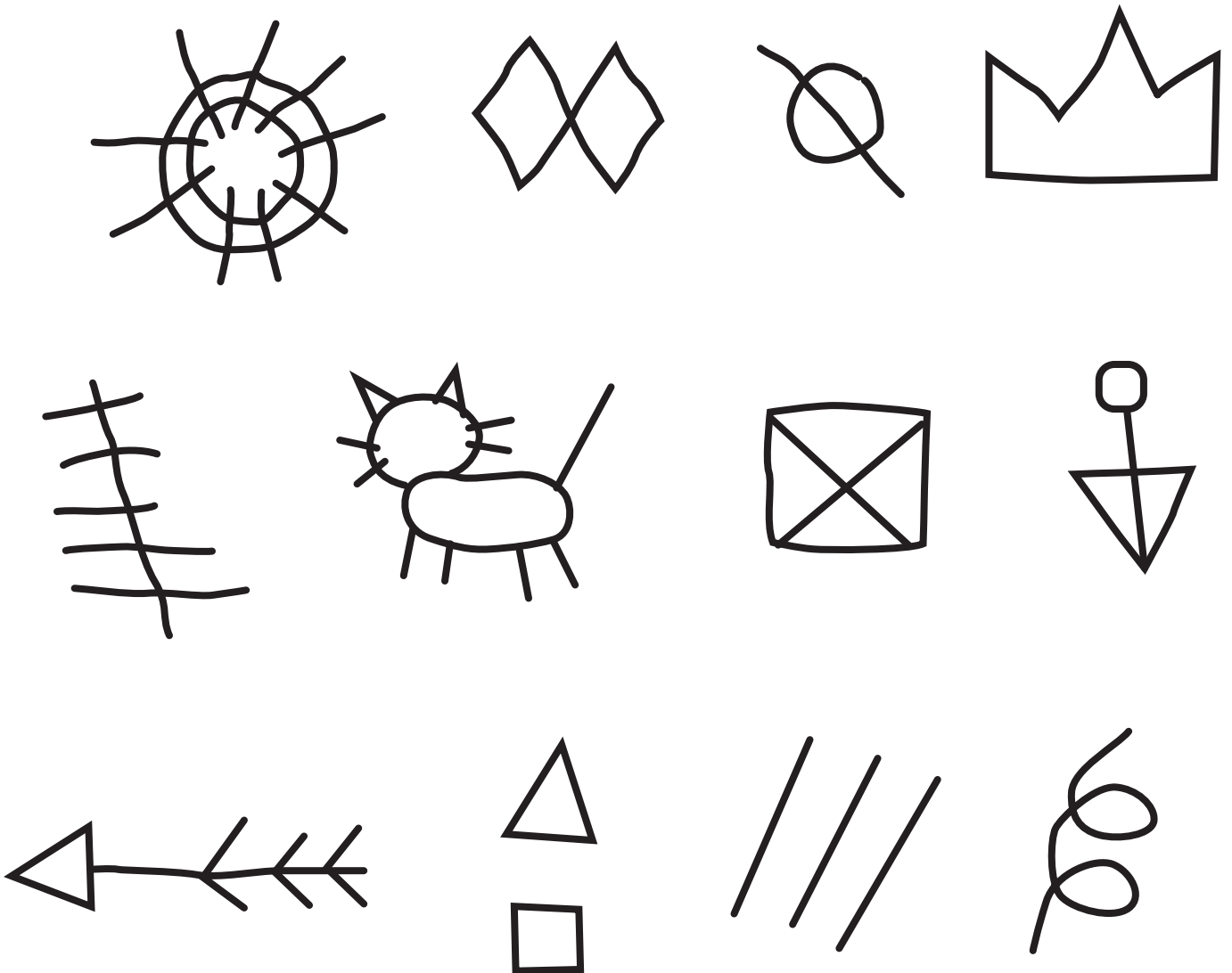


# Draw like Basquiat



IDEAS FOR DRAWING THE FACE

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## About Jean-Michel Basquiat

Jean-Michel Basquiat (1960–1988) was a Puerto Rican/Haitian American artist known for his neo-expressionist paintings. This movement of the rough handling of materials was a backlash against the minimalism and conceptual art that was so popular in the 70s.

Basquiat's work explored his mixed African, Latinx, and American heritage through a visual vocabulary of signs, symbols, and figures. His art developed rapidly in scale, scope, and ambition as he moved from the street to the gallery. The graffiti he added was expressive and often abstract, and his logos and iconography had a deep historical resonance.

Despite his work's "unstudied" appearance, Basquiat very skillfully and purposefully brought together a host of disparate traditions, practices, and styles to create his signature visual collage.