

Modigliani Portraits

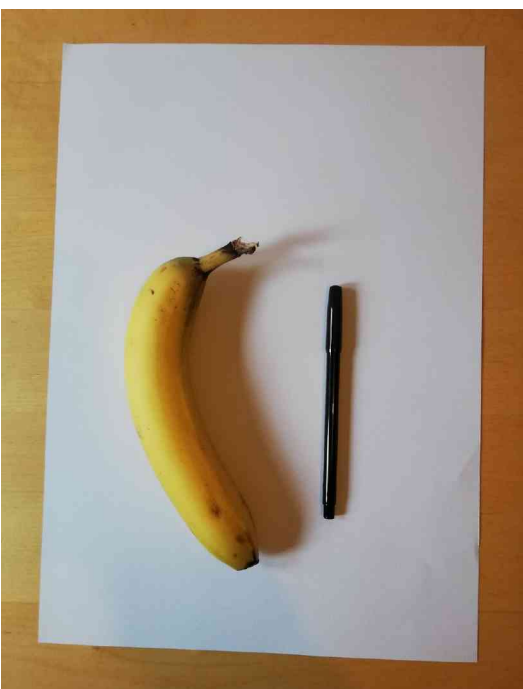
Amedeo Modigliani (1884-1920) was an artist inspired by many cultures, including Ancient Egyptian and Greek art and African tribal masks. Inspired by their shapes and simplicity his style used long and smooth curved lines. This activity explore the use of a banana as a special curvy drawing tool to create your own Modigliani style portrait.



Amedeo Modigliani, Head of a Woman, n.d

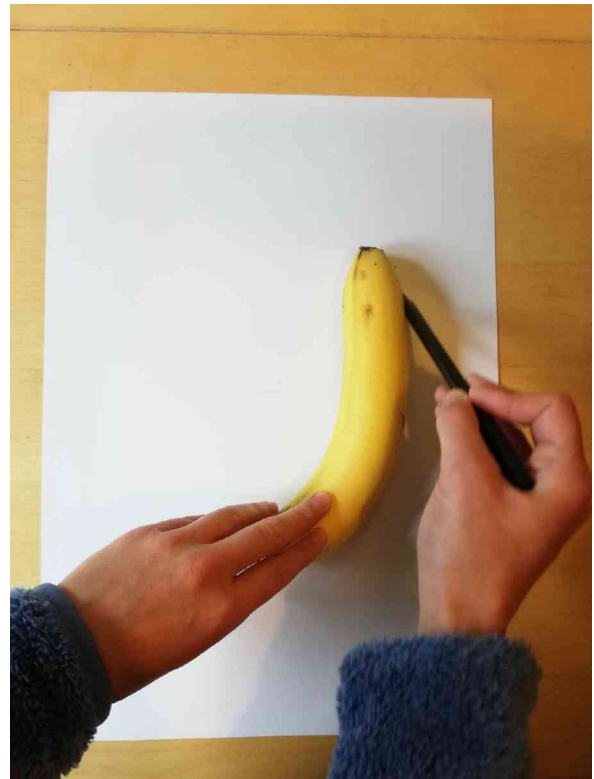
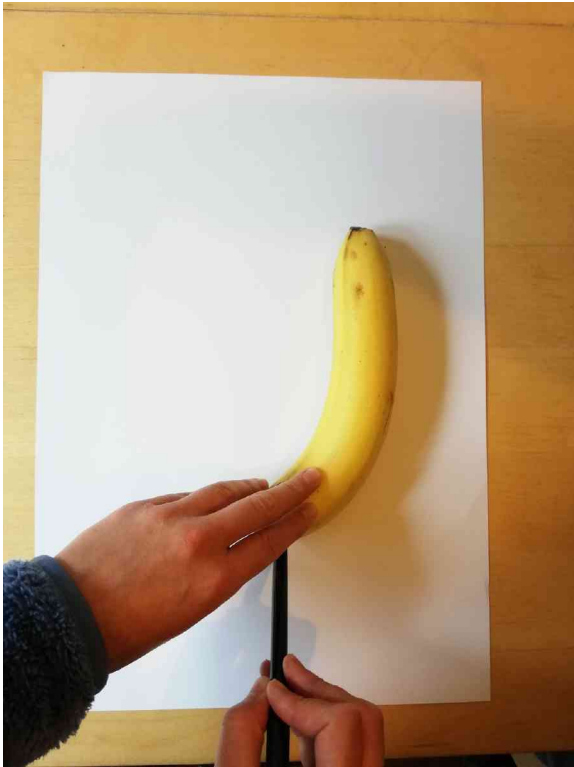


Amedeo Modigliani, Dr Francois Brabander, 1918

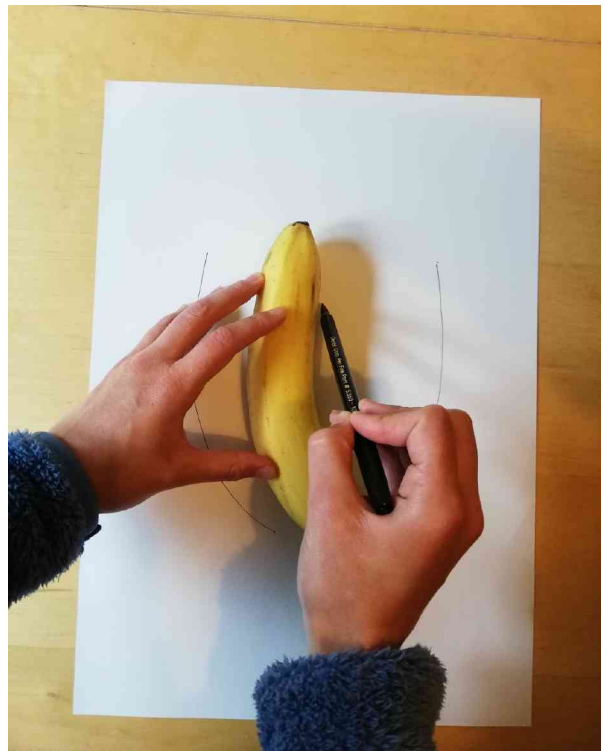
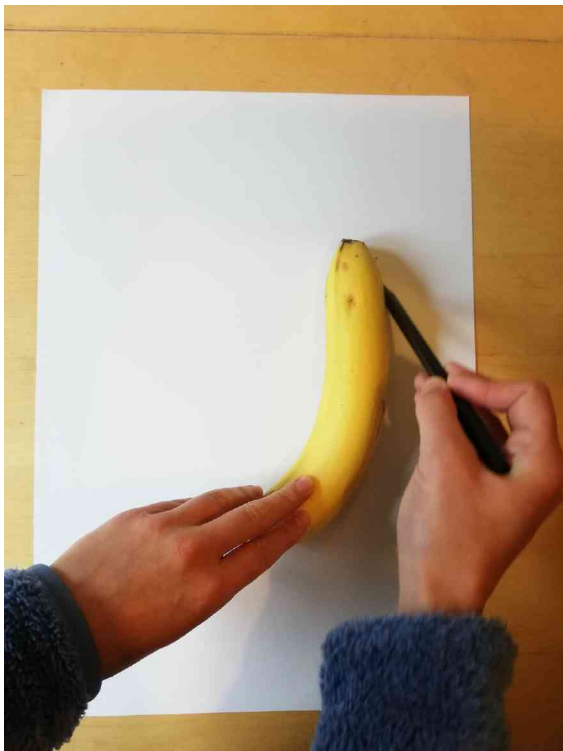


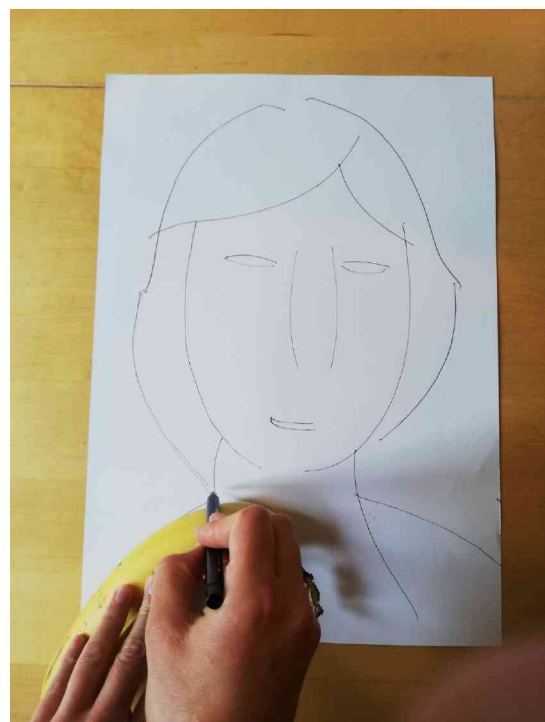
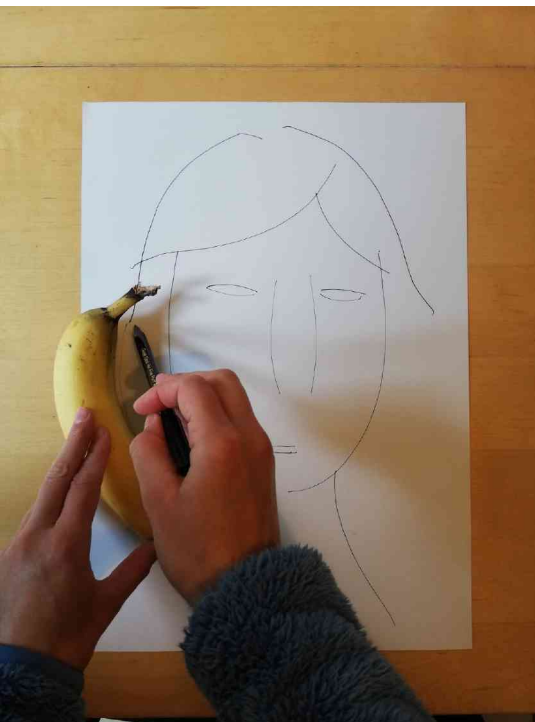
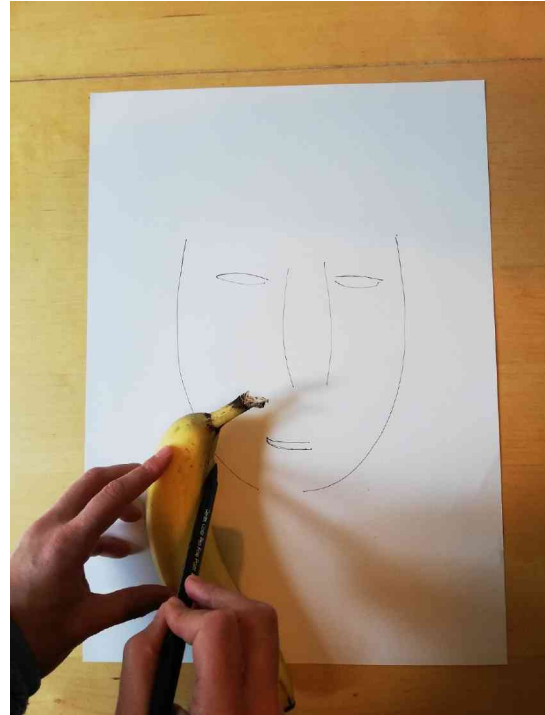
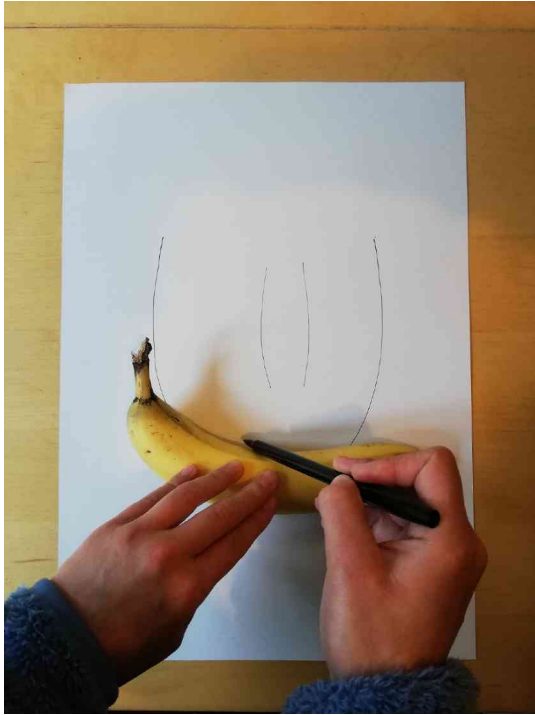
1) Find a banana, a piece of paper and a pen or pencil to draw with.

- 2) Practice drawing short and long lines along the curve of the banana. You can use both sides of the banana for different curves.



- 3) Look at yourself in a mirror or ask someone to pose for you.
- 4) Draw your portrait using only the curved lines of the banana.





5) Start with the nose, eyes, mouth, eyebrows, then face, neck, shoulders and hair last.

6) When you've finished, admire your drawing while eating the banana!

Experiment: Do a different drawing using a banana. You could try other fruit or peel too.

Research: Look up African Fang masks and Ancient Egyptian and Greek art on the internet or in a book. What similarities can you see in Modigliani's artwork?