

# White House Portrait Collage

## What is a portrait?

A painting, drawing, photograph, or engraving of a person, especially one depicting only the face or head and shoulders.

## What is a collage?

A piece of art made by sticking various materials such as:

- Photographs and pieces of paper, buttons, or fabric onto a backing.
- The art of making collages.
- A combination or collection of various things.



Glass tile mosaic portrait of John F. Kennedy, made by Merritt W. Yearsley of Dallas, Texas.

## How do I create a White House Portrait Collage?

- Use the outline of one of the Presidents or First Ladies.
- Choose from various materials and arrange them on your portrait outline.
- Glue down the materials onto your portrait outline, color and create your own White House Portrait Collage!

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## Folk Art Portraits of President Kennedy

President Kennedy received unique gifts from ordinary citizens who created one-of-a-kind works of art, including handmade portraits of him made from found materials. These heartfelt and handmade portraits show the respect and admiration the makers had for President Kennedy and are part of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum collection.



*Ribbon and Stamp Portrait of John F. Kennedy. Gift of Dora Blackburn of Baltimore, Maryland.*

A portrait of President John F. Kennedy handmade from shiny sequins, colored pearlized ribbon cut into circular disks and set on the surface overlapping each other like a mosaic. A border around the image of President Kennedy is made with cancelled postage stamps of Presidents Lincoln and Washington.



*Mosaic Portrait of John F. Kennedy. Made by Abraham Greenhouse of Perth Amboy, New Jersey.*

This work of art is made of crushed eggshells dyed various colors with brown, gray, and black thread to outline the image of JFK's face and indicate his hair. The artist spent more than 100 hours creating the portrait.



*Carved Peach Pit Portrait of John F. Kennedy. Made by R. J. McErlean of St. Petersburg, Florida.*

Carved peach pit depicting an image of John F. Kennedy wearing a veteran's hat. To the left is carved an eagle sitting on a shield and below that is St. Christopher.



*President and Mrs. Kennedy Shadowbox.*

In this wood and glass shadowbox relief carved busts of John F. Kennedy and Jacqueline Kennedy are in front of an American flag with cardboard cut outs of painted photographs of their faces for the heads. President Kennedy wears a grey suit with blue tie and Jacqueline Kennedy wears a navy blouse.

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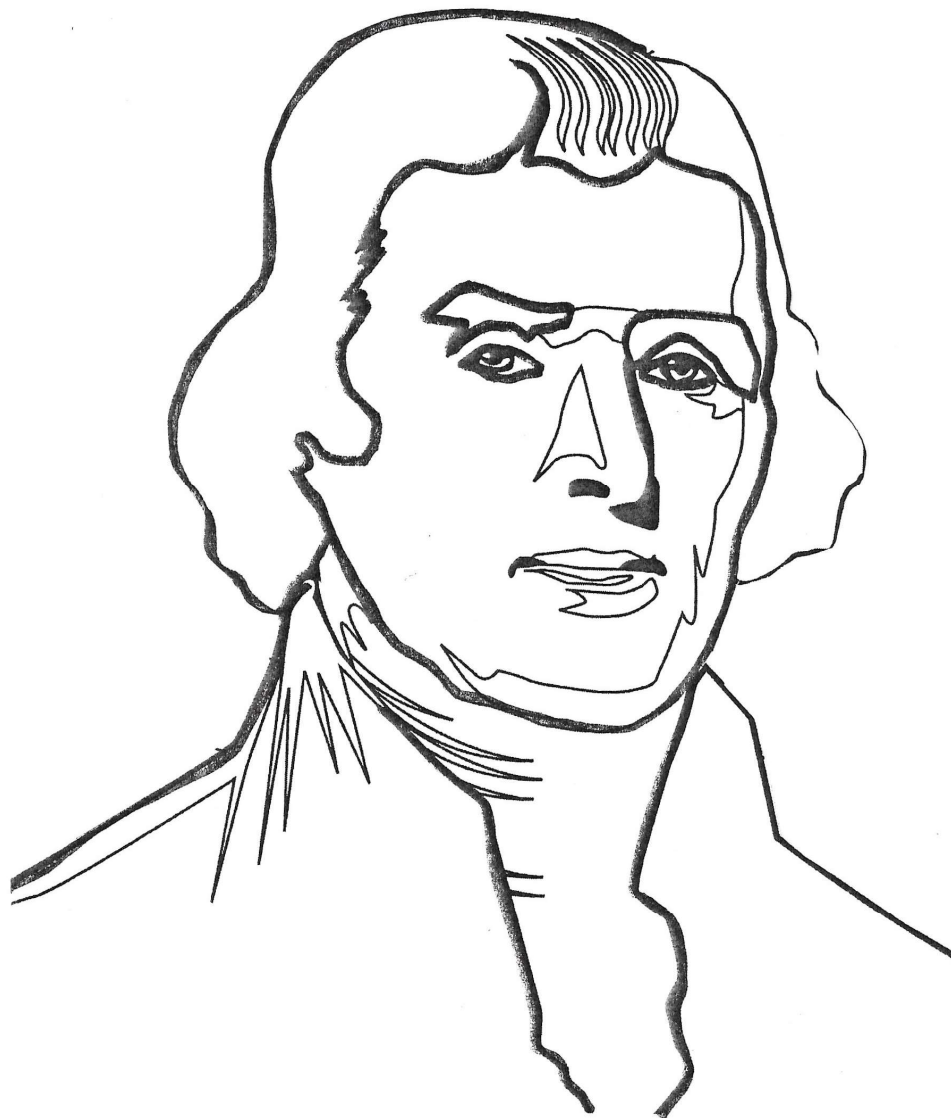
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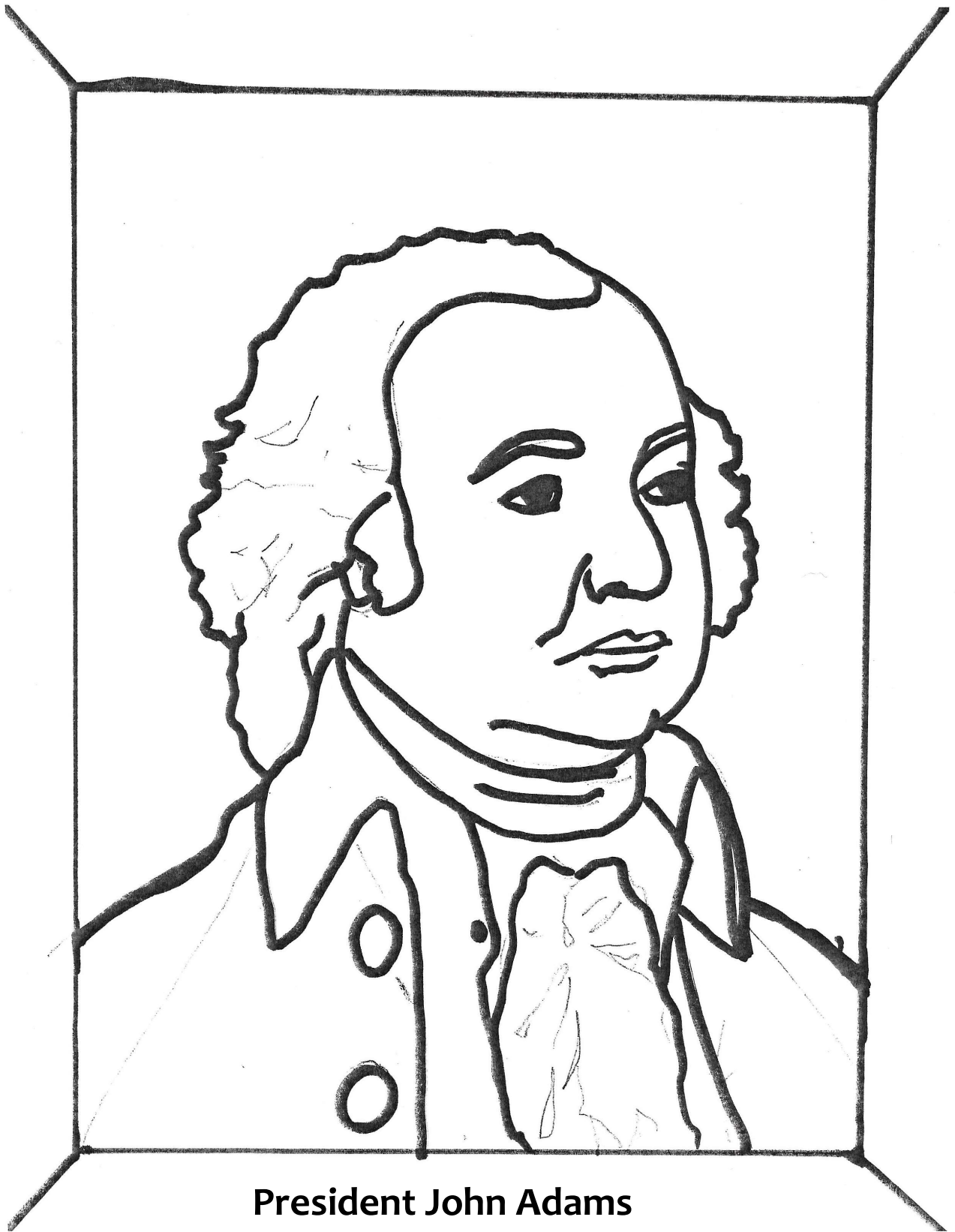
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