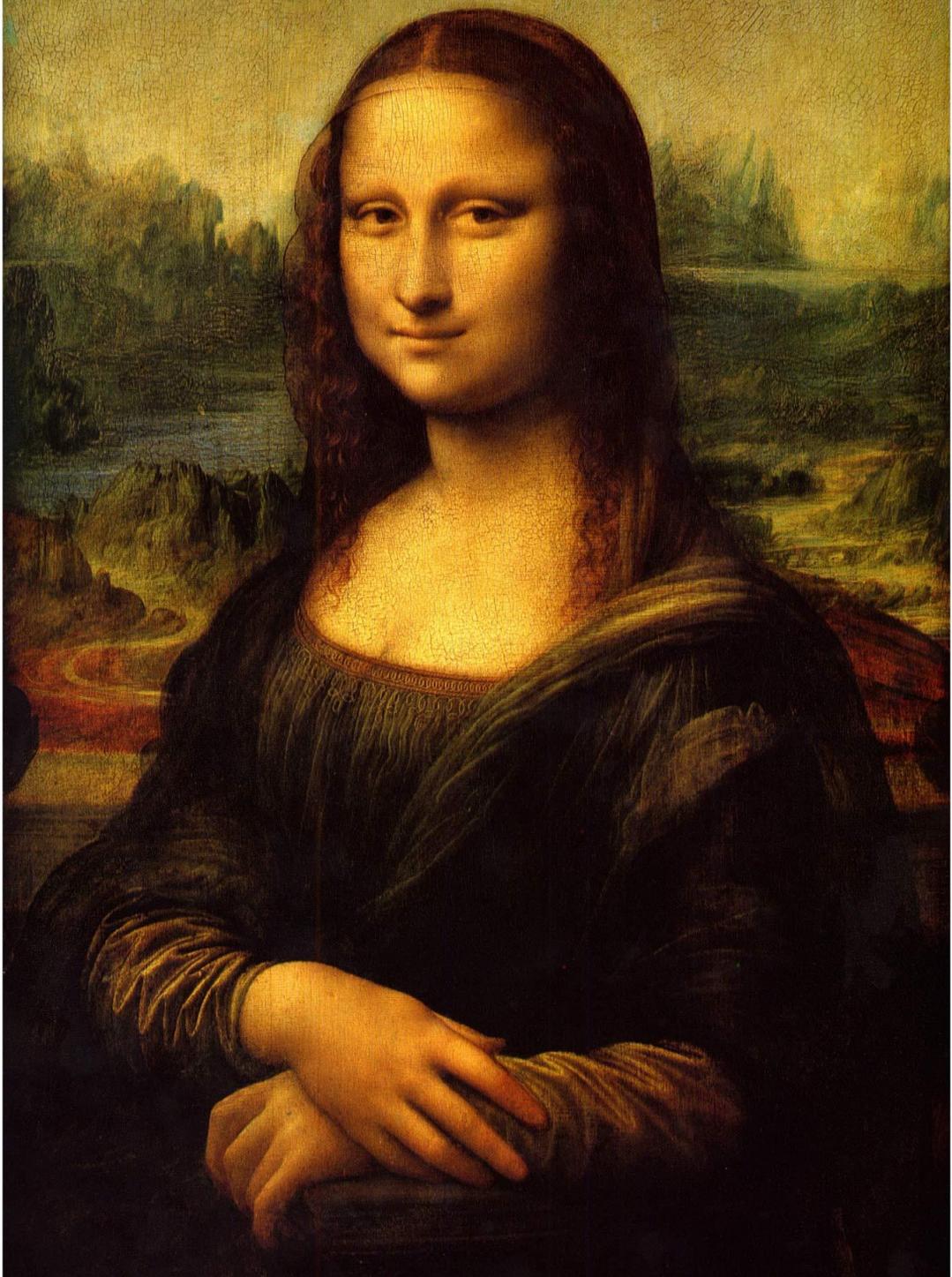




Painting

# Mona - Lisa



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Painter, sculptor, inventor, architect, engineer and scientist. Leonardo da Vinci is considered to be the most charismatic person ever lived and the incarnation of the renaissance personality. He was born in 1452 in the small town of Vince in Tuscany but was raised up by his father in Florence. From a young age he exhibited sparkles of his genius and artistic talent. At the age of 14 he went to study art to the studio of the well know artist of that time Andrea del Verocchio. During this period, he made his first important artworks, where we can see his immense talent and attention to detail.



Self portrait of Leonardo da Vinci.

# Mona Lisa

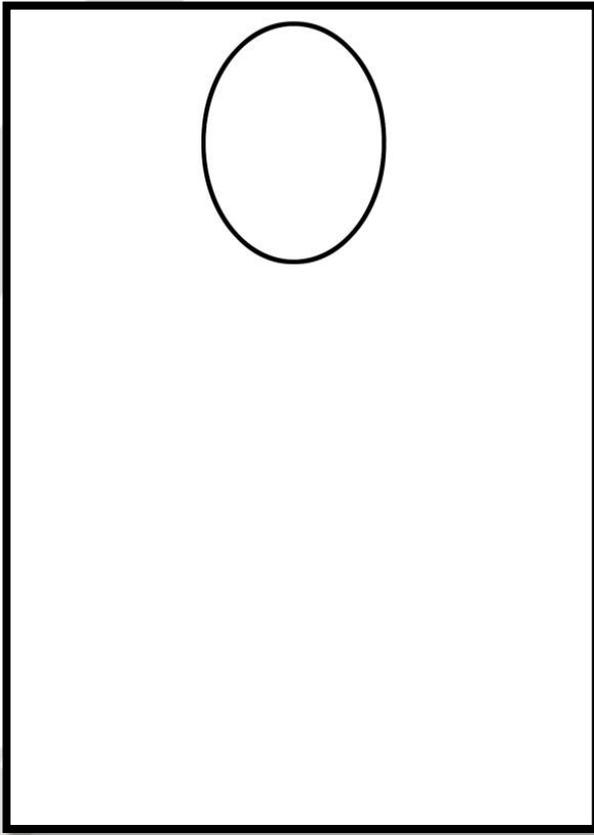
**Mona Lisa**, also known as La Gioconda, is the wife of Francesco del Giocondo. The Mona Lisa is a half-length portrait that has been described as the best known, the most visited, the most written about, the most sung about, and the most parodied work of art in the world.

Also known as “La Gioconda”, this painting is painted as oil on wood. The original painting size is 77 x 53 cm and is owned by the Government of France. It can be found on the wall of the Louvre in Paris. It is one of the most valuable paintings in the world and it holds the Guinness World Record for the highest known insurance valuation in history, priced at US \$100 million in 1962, equivalent to \$650 million in 2018.

About 8million people each year visit the Louvre museum just to see Mona Lisa . It Is a painting with a lot of mysterious and interesting facts, some of which you can read below

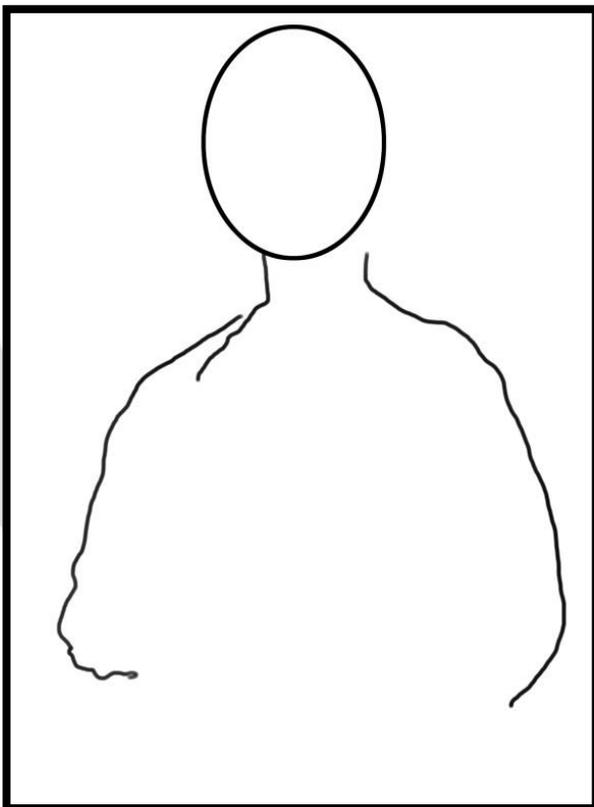
- 1.** Her smile, has something very interesting that keeps making historians wonder. When you first see the painting, you see a lady smiling. If you cover the eyes and see only the mouth, it doesn't seem to be smiling. If you cover the mouth and see only the eyes, again the same, they seem serious.. And this is one of the many details that Leonardo managed to do in this painting. What do you think Gioconda was thinking?
- 2.**In 1911, a museum employer stole the painting, kept it hidden for 2 years and then returned it. Why do you think he did that?
- 3.** Many say that the painted face doesn't belong to Mona Lisa but is the face of Leonardo's mother. Some say it is a SELF portrait.

Now let's make the Mona-Lisa together..



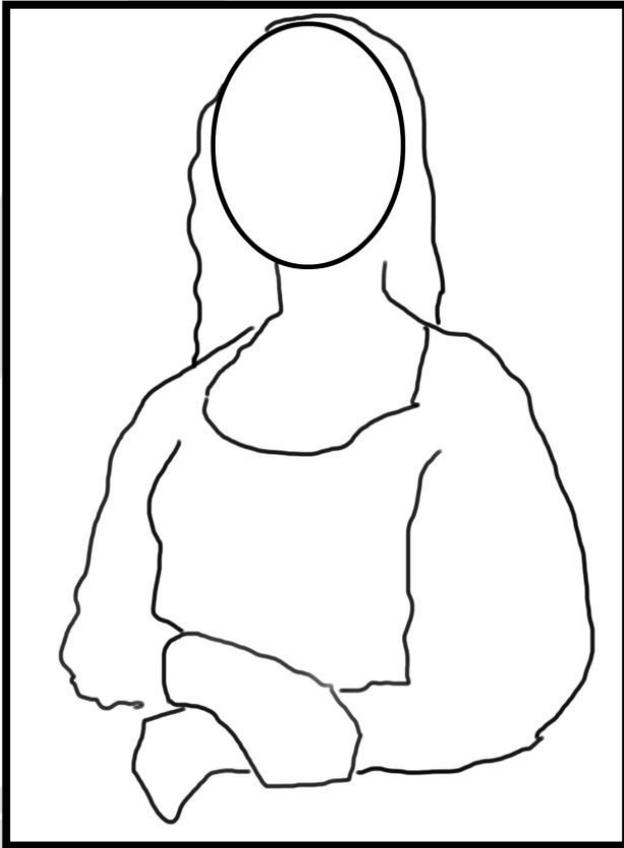
**Step 1.**

High up, at the edge of our paper we draw an oval shape. To use as head for the figure.



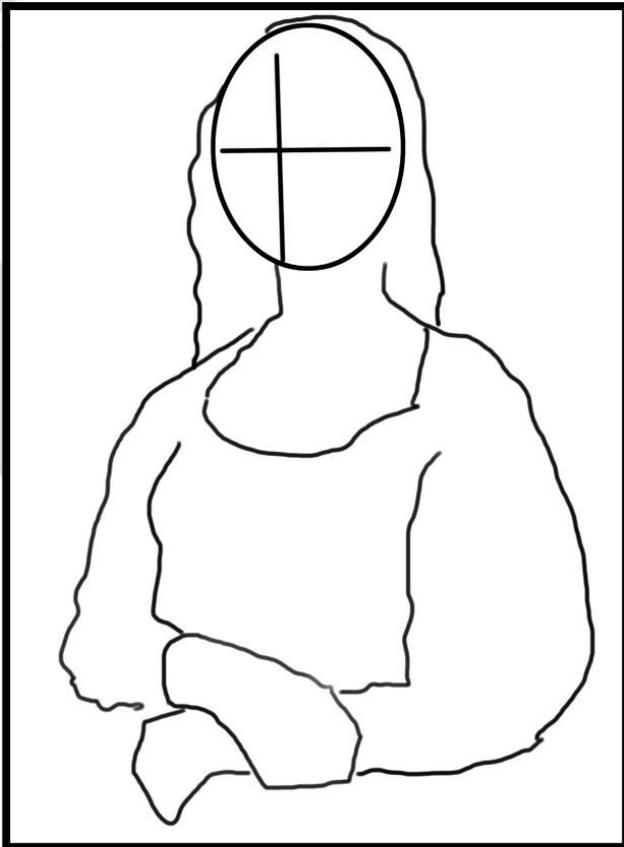
**Step 2.**

We move on by making the neck, shoulders and upper body in simple shapes..



**Step 3.**

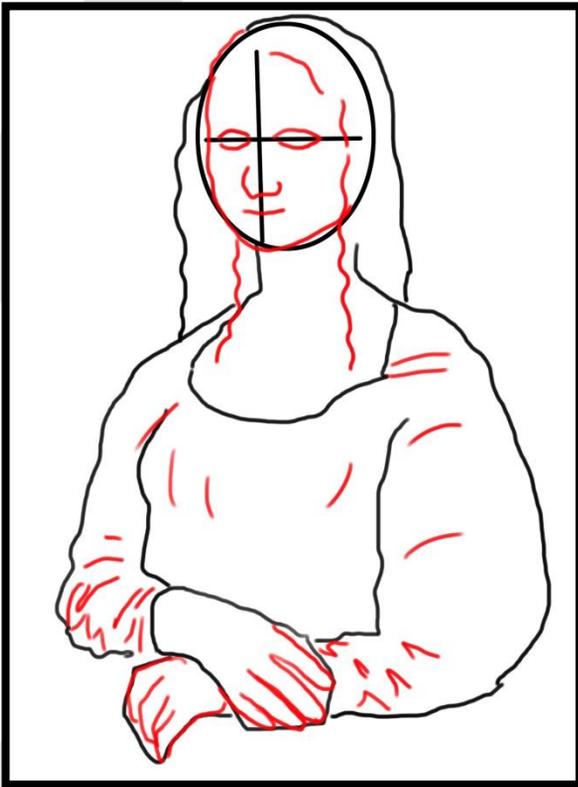
Now we can add shapes for the arms, hands, hair and some of the clothes' details



**Step 4**

At this point we draw a cross in the middle of the head. This will help us in the next step to draw the characteristics of the face.

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### Step 5

Now with the help of the cross we draw the eyes – on the horizontal line ,one on each side of the vertical one, and then nose and mouth on the vertical line of our cross. At this point try to shape better the head, make the fingers in the hands

and perhaps add some details on the clothes..

On the side you can see the changes in RED.



### Step 6.

Now you can erase the cross from the head , the oval shape, if it's no longer necessary, and add as many details possible to the rest of the drawing,



### **Step 7.**

Finally, it's time to decorate the background of our painting. Leonardo always drew impressive and mysterious landscapes on the background of his paintings. Can you do something similar?

We are ready now to colour.

You can use any material you prefer and which is available at home.



As we mentioned above, Mona-Lisa is the most famous image in the world, and many artists have made their own interpretation of the painting, You can see some of them below





What do you think about Mona-Lisa and the whole mystery around it?

You can make your own version of the famous painting if you like, and you can send it to us, at the Kimonos Art Center to look at. Through mum's or dad's Facebook or Instagram account.