Advanced Art Found Paper Project: Collage Portraits

I will create a portrait of a person that:

1. Uses believable proportions and placement of features to create a recognizable and expressive portrait
2. Is completed with a variety of found papers cut into numerous shapes and sizes in several colors to create the illusion of a 3-dimensional portrait
3. Fills the paper with an interesting composition.
To begin my project, I need to:

1. Photograph References
   - Take a minimum of 5 – 10 photographs of a person that you know. Try to fill the frame with their face.
   - Use strong and direct lighting when taking the portrait. No florescent overheads, no blurring filters. You need light and shadow to make this work.

2. Collect papers
   - To make a believable collage, you will cut or tear small pieces of paper out of magazines in many different colors.

To Make My Collage:

Step 1: Sketch in big areas on a surface. You can use anything you have on hand, even a cardboard cereal box makes a great surface.

Step 2: Cut or tear small papers in the values of different colors you need. Colors can be realistic or invented. You just want a range.

Step 3: Glue your papers into your design, paying attention to light and shadow.

Artist Inspiration:

1. Vic Muniz: