YOU ARE INVITED | #InTheFrameDIA

Wee the People, a Boston-based social justice project for kids, invites you to celebrate Blackness through photography. Explore the stories of two Black photographers whose work affirms and celebrates Blackness by putting it in the center of the frame.

Inspired by Lorraine O'Grady's "Art Is . . .", an art installment that featured informal photo portraits of Black Americans holding gold frames, we encourage you to celebrate Blackness by creating a gold frame to use in your photos highlighting the people important to you.

Using this frame, take a portrait of yourself that communicates what art means to you. Using our social platforms, post your portrait with the hashtag #InTheFrameDIA. Select portraits will be shared on our platforms throughout the month of February!

| THINGS TO CONSIDER |

What is "art" to you? How do you interpret it?
How will you decorate your frame, what shapes and designs will you include?
Who will you highlight using your frame?
What significance can a gold frame have in celebrating Blackness?

| MATERIALS |

- Cardboard or cardstock (cardboard or cereal boxes work great!)
- Scissors
- Ruler or other straight edge
- Gold paint, oil pastel, glitter, foil, whatever you have handy
- Glue stick
- Markers, colored pencils, crayons, or anything that can make a mark for added details
ARTMAKING PROJECT | Directions

Step 1
Using a ruler or other straight edge, trace out the inner lines of the frame, using the width of the ruler is an easy way to keep the sides of the frame all equal.

Step 2
Carefully cut out the inner rectangle, creating your frame.

Step 3
To make your frame really shine, add your choice of gold decoration. Paint, oil pastel, glitter, or any combination can work. Keep your frame nice and simple, or add in ornate details.

Step 4
Use your frame as a photo prop, take a portrait of yourself holding it or using it to highlight the people important to you in your life!

Step 5
Don’t forget to share it with us on social media at #InTheFrameDIA. Select portraits will be shared on our platforms throughout the month of February during Black History Month!

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