



### Artistic Challenge #2: Surreal Selfies

If we let go of the idea that photography is a tool to faithfully record reality, we allow ourselves to begin exploring a very different psychological, philosophical, and artistic territory through portraiture. With this week's artistic challenge, Surreal Selfies, we challenge you to create a surreal portrait of yourself that highlights a different part of your personality than what you would usually show the world. We're using the term selfie loosely for this prompt, your portrait can be an assemblage of meaningful items, a photo of your beloved pet, whatever you like. In these strange times we'd like to use our art to add a little bit of levity into this week.

This article: <https://pixomatic.us/blog/smartphone-photography/iphone-photography/> has some great tips for creating surreal photos using your smart phone. Also, Apps like Mirror Photo & Video Editor, Surreal Wigs, and Union, are all great tools to get started creating surreal photos on your phone, and they are all free on the App Store, or Google Play!

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/mirror-photo-video-editor/id1460150781>

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/surreal-wigs-creative-hairstyles-to-edit-your-photos/id987098455>

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/union-combine-edit-photos/id849145835>

### **Evan's Surreal Selfie:**

Fun fact, I love the gaudy graphic design from the 1980s. In recent years Vapor Wave electronic artists and designers have rediscovered and recontextualized some of these aesthetic themes in an intriguing way. My Surreal Selfie is inspired by, and maybe even a love letter to, the Saved by the Bell opening credit reel, and 2010s Vapor Wave design aesthetic. Enjoy!

