



This is a painting by Giuseppe Arcimboldo.  
He lived in Italy, nearly 500 years ago!  
He was a painter in the Royal Courts.

Arcimboldo painted portraits  
using fruit, vegetables, flowers, fish and books!

Giuseppe Arcimboldo, Portrait of Emperor Rudolf II as Vertumnus, 1591, oil on panel



Look carefully  
at the painting.

Can you find?

Chili pepper

Wheat

Grapes

Pear

Spring onions

Cherries

Sweetcorn

Cabbage

Blackberry

Pomegranate



This is Italy in Europe (where Arcimboldo lived).  
Italy is famous for its yummy food and drink. They grow  
lots of fruit and nuts in orchards, including lemons,  
oranges, figs and peaches!

# Arcimboldo Collages

## What you will need:

Paper

Scissors

Glue

Pictures of fruit

*(See page 3-4 in this pack for easy-to-print fruit or collect unwanted magazines or supermarket flyers with fruit images)*

## WHAT IS A COLLAGE?

A collage is an artwork using lots of pieces of paper (and sometimes other materials) to make a brand-new image.

Like Arcimboldo's painting, we are going to make a portrait of a face using pictures of fruit.

- 1.** Find lots of pictures of fruit. We have added some fruit on the next page that you can use.
- 2.** Start cutting out the individual pieces of fruit. Try and get a good mix of fruits, shapes, colours.
- 3.** Lay your cut-out fruits on some paper. Move them around and try different arrangements to build some of the main features in a portrait (eyes, ears, nose, mouth).
- 4.** With the other fruit, try adding the cheeks, hair, eyebrows, chin. Keep adding fruit until you have a really super face.
- 5.** Once you are happy with your portrait, carefully glue the pieces onto the paper.



