Now that is a hairdo! The artist, Goltzius, created this portrait of Helen of Troy, the famous beauty in Homer’s Iliad and a commonly painted figure in the 1600s. According to myth Helen is the most beautiful woman who ever lived.

This portrait emphasizes the layers of jewelry and the elaborate fabrics that make up the gown. Additionally, it is hard to not notice her hair, which is pulled back, styled high and adorned with jewels.

Now it’s your turn to give yourself some high and decorative hair!

For more information about this artwork click here.

Hendrick Goltzius, Helen of Troy, 1615, oil on canvas, 45 1/4 in. x 32 3/4 in., The Henry Melville Fuller Acquisition Fund.

**Activity:** Pattern Drawing Hair

**Materials:**
- Paper
- Pencil
- Coloring materials such as markers, colored pencils, or crayons
- Glue
- Scissors
- Photograph of yourself, a friend, a pet, or a portrait photo from a magazine

**Directions:**
- Cut the photo or magazine portrait along the hairline, removing all hair but leaving the whole face and as much of the body as you like
- Glue the face down on the bottom your paper
- Use a pencil to separate the rest of the paper into sections, all lines connecting back to the face
- Fill each section with a different pattern. Use shapes, doodles, or search for pattern suggestions online for further inspiration.
- If desired, add color.

**Tips:**
• Take your time and do this project mindfully. It may take several sessions to finish, and that is a good thing!