How to Pounce for Painting
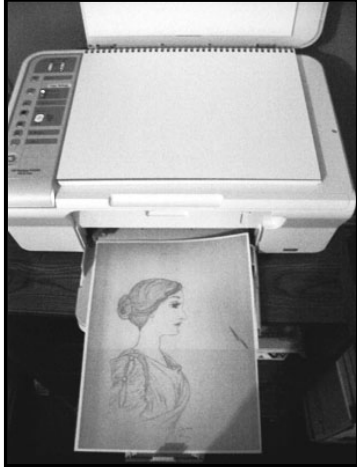
Renaissance Art Unit 03 Art Project

STEP 01: Draw!

If you are not confident of your artistic ability, find a drawing you like. Do you have a favorite superhero? Maybe find a drawing in a comic book you like, or even print out a famous painting. Artists usually had assistants that would pounce their drawings for them. Pouncing requires no artistic ability at all! If you can draw, however, then have fun and do a sketch!

STEP 02: Copy your Drawing.

Make a photocopy of your original sketch. This way, if you mess up, your original drawing will be intact. If you use your original drawing to pounce, you could smudge it and ruin it. You don't want that!
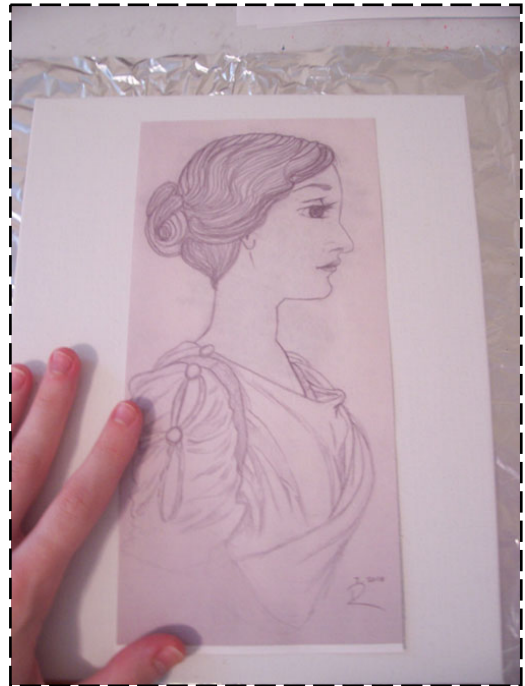
STEP 03: Cover the Back of the Copy with Charcoal.

You can purchase charcoal pencils with other artistic pencils at an art store. If you don't have access to charcoal, you can use pastel or soft pencil as well. The goal is to cover the back of the drawing with a thick, dark layer of pencil so that it transfers to the canvas.
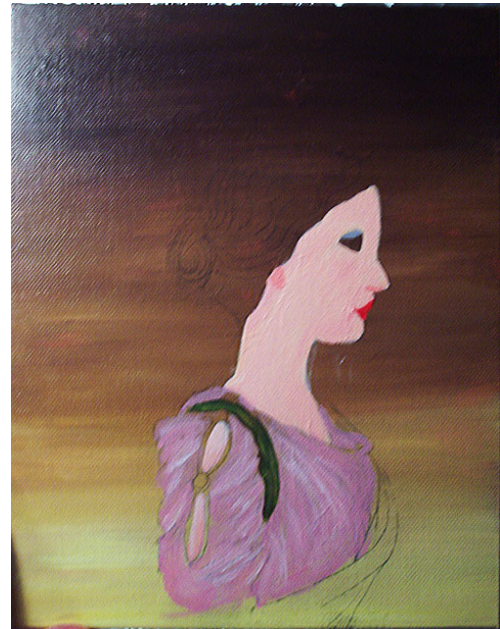
STEP 04: Trace!

Put your drawing face up on the canvas. Tape it down if you are afraid it will move. Use a ballpoint pen to trace over the photocopy. Press hard, but not so hard that you rip the paper.

Tip: A great way to affix the photocopy to the canvas is to use **painter's tape**. It will hold the picture in place, but when you take it off it leaves no residue. No fuss no muss!

STEP 05: Pouncing Complete! Start Painting!

Lift the drawing and *voila*! Ready to start your career as a Renaissance master?

Note: some artists choose to paint the background color onto their canvas before they pounce their drawing onto it. It all depends upon your preference!