

# COOL CULTURE

## Who am I? Portraits from The Jewish Museum

### Look Closely and Discuss:

- A *portrait* is a picture of a person. This is a portrait of the artist's friend, Vera. Have you ever had a portrait made of yourself? When?
- What's going on here? Tell me what you see.
- What materials did the artist use to make this picture? Can you find paint, tape, wood and a window frame?
- Tell a story about this woman. What is she doing, thinking or feeling?
- The artist used a window to create two layers for this picture. If we could slide the window open, we could see a new image hidden underneath!
- Use your imagination—if this were your artwork, what would you have put behind the glass? What would we see if we opened the window?



### Did you know?

- ✓ A *portrait* is a picture of a person.
- ✓ If you create a portrait of yourself, it's called a *self-portrait*.
- ✓ Larry Rivers was not only an artist, but also a jazz musician! He liked to *improvise*, to create new types of art and music. How might he have improvised when making this portrait?
- ✓ Born in the Bronx in 1923, his given name was Yitzhok Loiza Grossberg. He changed his name to Larry Rivers in 1940, when he was introduced at a jazz club in NYC as "Larry Rivers and the Mudcats."

### Explore further:

#### Look at family photos

Share with your child: Who is in the photo? Is it a portrait or a snapshot? When was it taken?

#### Visit The Jewish Museum with your Cool Culture Family Pass

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See exhibitions of art and Jewish culture, as well as the common ground shared by people of all cultural backgrounds.

On Sundays: free art projects no reservation required! On Mon-Tues, Thurs-Fri, and Sunday you can visit an interactive children's exhibition.