

Where to find free reference photos for portraits



Skitchy

This is an iOS app, you'll find it on the AppStore, sorry no android here! Download it and you'll find thousands and thousands of photos posted by people who'd like to be painted. By posting their photos they agree that you use them for free. The quality is what it is, but you can find a lot of good photos here.



Unsplash

My favorite! lots of professional photos, a search engine, all you need is here, I'm sure! Everything's copyright free here.



Pexels

You can find photos and videos too. Everything's copyright free here.



Pixabay

Sometimes you get the same images than in Pixabay, and the quality can be very strange sometimes, but some good ones to find here as well.



Pinterest

You can find a ton of different stuff, but beware of copyright! I link to my copyright free images that I gathered for you



Where to find free reference photos for portraits



Freepik

Don't forget to check 'free license'. The images are a bit more for social media than painting portraits in my opinion



Vecteezy

By default you're looking for vectors images. Don't forget to check 'photos' and 'Free license'. You have to give attribution to Vecteezy before using. It's more women in action than images for portraits though.



Flickr

You can literally find a ton of images here. Choose your license type and be prepared to scroll for hours! A majority of amateur photos in the free licenses.



Freeimages

As say the name of the website, but don't forget to check 'free images'! Some unusual images here



Click on the names to go the websites

Always check your type of license on these websites, and what you can do with it: modify, sell, give credit or not... Check back often, as they add new images regularly.