

RENDERING HAIR

creative approaches to hair...

A lot of what makes something whimsical is the "unexpected" or perhaps sometimes "odd". Hair affords us an opportunity to work in a lot of unexpected and strange ideas (when you're not so much looking to build "odd" into your faces). Below are the examples from the video tutorial and finished sample pieces. Have a go at making some bold choices in your approach to different hairstyles, and challenge yourself to think of hair as anything BUT hair...



If you're looking to pull themes into your work, consider taking ideas or motifs from your theme and add them when rendering hair. The Wizard of Oz is one of my favorite films and adding a yellow brick pattern to the hair whimsically ties my illustration to my love of the movie. Once I saw the brick road, I felt like an Emerald City crown would be fitting. Not missing a chance to throw some journaling in, I added "there's no place like home" to a few bricks and BAM! 3 elements from the movie in the hair alone! Try finding a theme you enjoy and explore adding the different patterns, colors, motifs, lyrics or quotes to your hair!