The first steps to drawing a portrait.

1. Draw the shape of your head as if it does not have hair.

2. Half way from the top of the head to the chin draw a line (it is on this line where your eyes will be drawn). Draw this line lightly.

3. Draw a vertical line down the center of the head. This will help keep the features lined up correctly. Draw this line lightly.

4. Half way from the line for the eyes to the chin draw a short line (this will be the bottom of the nose). Be sure it is lined up with the vertical line (the line going down the center).
5. Slightly above the half way point between the nose and the chin draw a line for the mouth. Be sure it is lined up with the vertical line (the line going down the center).

6. Draw two curves on the line for the eyes. Be sure these curves are far enough apart for another curve to be drawn between them (eyes are about one eye length apart from each other).

7. Look over the various eyes. Use the curves drawn in number 6 for the top of these eyes. Choose a nose, use the line for the nose in illustration 6 for the bottom of the nose you chose. Choose a mouth, use the line for the mouth in illustration 6 for the line between the upper and lower lip. For the nose and the mouth be sure they are lined up with the center line going down the middle of the face.

8. Now draw the rest of the head. When drawing the hair the head shapes first drawn was the skull. The hair should go both above and below the skull line. Erase all extra lines.