



## A Fashionable Family

Have fun doing a **fashion-makeover** on our celebrity Georgian family, The Byams.

Create a whole new wardrobe for this fashion conscious family!

**Draw, paint, colour and collage** new clothes ... you could even cut around the group of figures and photograph them with a different background. (See below for more ideas!)

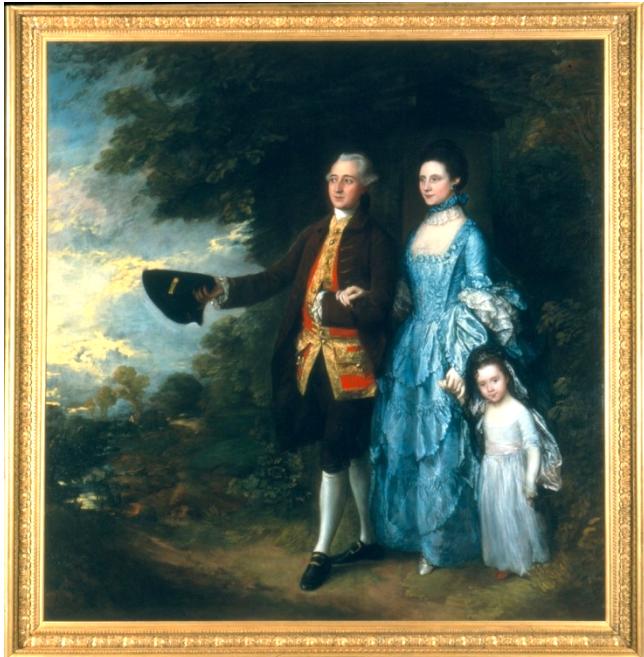


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*The Byam Family*

Thomas Gainsborough

Oil on canvas, 1762-66

**(Questions: Why did it take 4 years to paint? How did George Byam become so wealthy?)**

This huge portrait hangs in our top floor Brownsword gallery. The family portrait shows George Byam, a wealthy sugar plantation owner from Antigua, who married a local girl, Louisa Bathurst. The couple is painted strolling in a poetic landscape, to show the viewer their 'sensibility' as admirers of nature.

A few years after they commissioned Gainsborough to paint them, the Byams returned to Bath with their first child Selina. Gainsborough added her to the portrait and took the opportunity to update Louisa's dress (which was no longer as fashionable) changing the style and colour from **pink** to **blue!**

### You need

- A4 card or paper (**download** and print Byam family outline)  
**OR** draw your own simple figure outlines
- Coloured pencils/pens
- Everyday collage materials – e.g. old magazines/newspaper/ junk mail/ foil/ribbons/beads
- Glue
- scissors



### Activity

1. Print out Byam family outline/ draw your own group of figures on card (2 or 3 people)
2. Have fun adding **new clothes** and **hairstyles** – Georgian, Victorian, 1970's or right up to the minute – 2020's style. **The choice is yours!!!**
3. Use whatever you have to add colour – pens, pencils, collage e.g. doilies, material scraps, wrapping paper Or go natural – leaves, grasses, petals
4. Take a photo and send to [e.blythe@holburne.org](mailto:e.blythe@holburne.org)  
**If you want you could cut out your group and photograph close-up with a different background e.g. in the garden**

