

Artist: Gidon Staff.

Described by: Janet Van Fleet.

Title: Blockhead.

Medium: colored pencil and ink.

Description: A man stares out from this 10 inch tall and 13 inch wide ink and colored pencil drawing entitled "Blockhead," by Gidon Staff. His thin face is articulated by fine lines that sculpt high cheekbones, a drooping mustache, and a straight, unsmiling mouth. In the center of the drawing are two large, intense eyes. The iris and pupils, colored a pale blue, float above the whites of his eyes.

Over those eyes, his head is filled with many small, sketchy rectangles, some shaded with parallel lines, and others colored delicately with blue, pink, or purple. The area behind the rectangles is green, filled in with vertical strokes, like blades of grass, and creates a roughly oval outline of the top of his head. On either side of the head, suggesting possibly large pieces of jewelry, or the earpieces of a helmet, are shapes created with angular edges and curved claw-like shapes that terminate in sharp points. On the left, this structure extends from his mouth almost to the top of his head, following the contours of his head. By contrast, the structure on the right emerges from just above his eye, where the top of his ear would be.

From a downward-facing purple hook, two clumps of loosely attached geometric shapes dangle down to his sloping shoulder, next to a pink collar and two buttons.