# 7 Character Traits of Creative People

Have you ever wondered what drives creative people? What makes them different?

Creativity can challenge you, give you energy, and allow you to reach your full potential. And the good news is that your own innate creativity can be encouraged and developed if you choose to.

Here are seven characteristics of creative people that you can build upon.

## **#1** Creative people are focused

Highly creative people usually have high levels of energy and stay focused on their project for long periods. Even when they are out of the salon or away from their work, their minds are still thinking about their creative work.

### **#2** They hold onto a sense of wonder

Creative people are often brilliant, but they don't think they know everything. Just the opposite, they retain a sense of wonder and curiosity about the world. They search for inspiration in everything around them. They search to learn more about any subject that interest them.

### **#3** Creative people work hard

The stereotype of the writer or artist spending their time wandering around aimlessly doesn't hold water. Artists usually work long hours on what they love to do, and they don't prefer a routine nine to five schedule. Creatives are persistent and determined and totally focused on their work.



# **#4** Creatives are not loners

Research suggests that creative people often combine the best of extroversion and introversion. While most people tend to favor one or the other of these personality types, creative people combine elements of both. They find ideas and inspiration in their social interactions and then retreat to the studio or salon to work their creative magic.

### **#5** They are open and sensitive

Creatives tend to be very empathic and sensitive. They are open to all the possibilities of the world and find inspiration everywhere. Sensitivity is necessary to be able to create artistically but can be a double-edged sword, leaving the artist vulnerable to criticism and rejection.

### **#6** Creatives are not bound by assigned gender roles

Research has shown that creative people tend to resist traditional rigid gender roles and stereotypes. They are open to the male and female characteristics of their personalities and draw on the strengths of both.

### **#7** Creatives can daydream and be realistic

The traditional picture of the daydreaming artist isn't necessarily reflective of the creative mind. Creativity is grounded in imagination and daydreaming, seeing the possibilities and wondering "What If." But creative people are also very practical, and the next stage to progress is testing the "What If" idea to see if it can work in the real world.

Creative thinking is essential for innovative problem solving that works in the real world world.

