

**Head Like A Kite - Random
Portraits of the Home
Movie (Pattern 25 Records)**



It's always exciting when you hear something that is genuinely trying to test boundaries and defy expectations. Unfortunately, after a few minutes of excitement, it's all too common to discover that what you're listening to is actually bollocks. But *Random Portraits...* does not present this problem. Whilst the brain behind Head Like A Kite, Dave Einmo, clearly loves his krautrock and trip-hop, he also has a good ear for a strong melody and great vocal hooks.

The clicking of Super 8 film reels and vocal samples crop up throughout *Random Portraits...*, a hint, if one were needed, that Einmo wants this album to be truly cinematic in scope. It's something that he's achieved as well, delivering truly expansive, forward-thinking pop music, splicing together genres with the sound of rewinding tapes and various 'found sounds'.

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