

Topic: Artist



Badge: Drawing

Suggested Supplies: colored pencils, pencils, crayons, pastels, colored chalk, regular paper, glossy paper, paper plates, old t shirt, fabric, flashlight or desk lamp, bowl of fruit (or any other object for a still life drawing)

Steps/Activities:

- Step 1 (Pick 1 or do them all!)
 - Still Life
 - Set out a bowl of fruit, water bottle, coffee cup, or any other object out on a table. Take a pencil, black or regular preferred, and sketch a “Still life” of the object. Remember, a still life is when you draw an object, person, or thing, that doesn’t move.
 - Then take one or two different kinds of paper/materials and try and draw the same still life. Is there any difference? Does it make it harder to draw or easier?
 - Mix and Match
 - Pick another object and draw is using two to three different kinds of materials (it could be chalk, marker, pencil, or crayon!).
 - While you are drawing figure out which material you like drawing with best. Which one is easier for you to use?
- Step 2
 - Made in the Shade
 - Shading is a major part of drawing, depending where light hits an object it will have areas on them that are darker or lighter than others. When you draw a picture and feature the darker area it is called shading. It adds depth and contrast to an image and makes it look more real!
 - Take a graphite (regular pencils)-or charcoal- an object, and a desk lamp or flashlight. Place the object under the light on top of a piece of paper. Position the light until you are happy, don’t move the object. After you have done this draw the object as best you can.
 - Then draw a long rectangle on the bottom of your drawing (where you see the shadow on the paper), and divide it into 5 squares, leaving the first square white. The second square,

shade it lightly. Do this by using drawing small, overlapping circles in the square. This is called circular shading. The third, do it a little darker. The fourth, make it even darker. And the fifth square should be completely dark. This is your value scale to show the different intensities for shading. It will help you decide what value to use when you are shading your picture.

- Now, find the light source on your object. Where is the light coming from? That is where you will use the lightest shading.
- Tip: lay a piece of paper between your hand and the drawing so you don't get smudges on it.
- Start using your pencil to shade inside the outline of your object. Use the side of your pencil, not the point.
- Press lightly and only barely fill the areas that need shading. Remember to leave the brightest parts of your drawing white. You can also use an eraser to remove the pencil to create a highlight later.
- Next, keep darkening areas that need it. As you made your shading deeper, the outline of your drawing should disappear.
- Shading happens in layers so be patient as you work on your drawing.
- Finally, blend your shaded areas. You can use your fingertips or Q-tips to do this. Press lightly at first, you want the shading to look realistic.
- Use your eraser to brighten spots that need to be lighter.

○ Step 3

▪ Draw an Outdoor Scene

- Get outside! If you can't make it outside, then look up a picture of a pretty landscape for inspiration. Then, use your imagination! Maybe your outdoor scene has a castle, or a lake, it can be whatever you want! Just imagine yourself standing in front of your picture.
- First you want to draw a horizon line across your paper. As you are imagining yourself standing in front of your picture, draw the things closest to you the biggest and the things closer to the horizon smaller. Feel free to add all the color and details you would like.

▪ Big Face

- Draw a face, but not just any face, an abstract face using an entire piece of paper!

- Abstract art means an artist using colors and shapes to show what they feel. Some abstract artists paint or draw with geometric shapes, some use patterns, and some just pour paint straight from a can!
 - Take a piece of paper and divide it into 4 squares, make sure the pencil lines are drawn lightly! These will help you draw the eyes, mouth, and nose where they need to go!
 - Start drawing your face, using whatever shapes and colors you would like. The eyes could be triangles, the mouth could be a square, whatever you like!
 - Trace your pencil lines with a black marker and color it in with a material of your choice!
- Step 4 (choose 1 or do them all!)
 - Draw a new cover
 - Do you have a favorite album or book? What does the story or what do the lyrics of the songs mean to you? How would you put that in a drawing?
 - Take these thoughts and redesign the cover of the book or album! You can use whatever materials you want, it's all about how you think it should look!
 - Comical Cartoons
 - Have you ever read the newspaper, and looked at the comics? Or read a graphic novel or comic book? Or do you have a favorite cartoon?
 - Thinking about your favorite cartoon character, make your own! They can be an animal, person, object, whatever you want!
 - For extra fun you can take the character you created and make a small comic out of it! Making a fun story.
 - Draw a logo
 - A logo is a symbol; businesses often use them and have them printed on shirts, cups, pencils, bags, or signs! (Think about your favorite restaurant or store!)
 - Make up your own business or make a logo for your troop or your home! You can look on the internet for ideas of what a logo could look like.
- You have now completed this badge! You could have a small party with your family to show off all of the art you have created, or you can make a special box or folder to put them in!

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