



*A Journal of Drawing
How to Draw a Simple Still Life*

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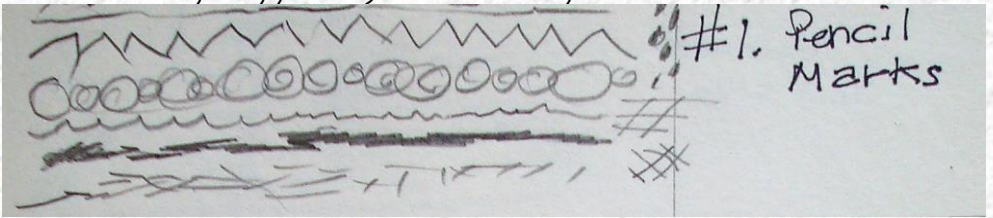
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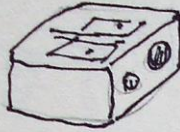
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1. Have handy a #2 pencil, sharpener, eraser. Test out your pencil to see how many types of marks you can make.





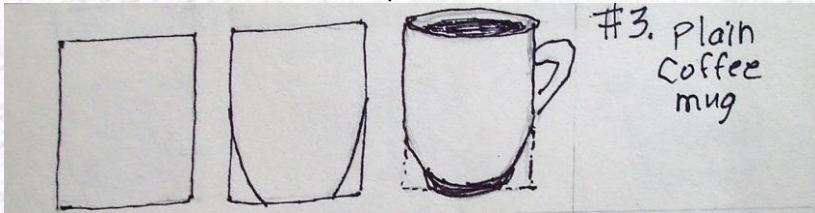
2. Find some simple objects to draw and put them nearby, quickly sketch each one.



#2, Simple objects.



3. Get a plain coffee mug — set it in front of you. Start with a rectangle the shape of the mug. Many objects will start with a square or rectangle. Cut into the rectangle with your pencil to make the mug's shape. Do top and bottom ellipses. Round off the bottom of the mug/draw the handle..





4. Shade it using the side of your pencil.



#4.
Shade w/ pencil



5. Draw a pattern on the mug having it curve around the sides to conform to the shape of the mug.



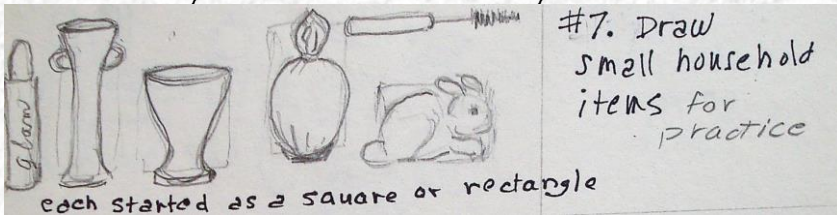


6. Make a different shaped mug, put a mat under it, divide the background with lines.



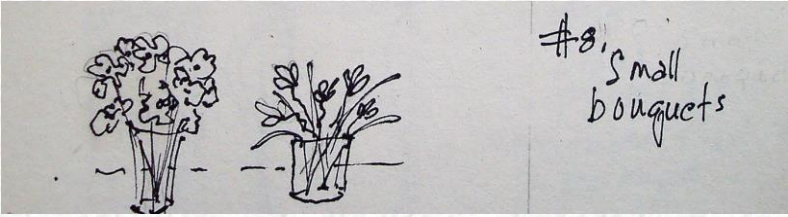


7. Draw other items: a pencil or ballpoint pen/sugar packets/a tea bag/a pencil sharpener/eraser/a spoon, etc.





8. Draw a small bouquet.



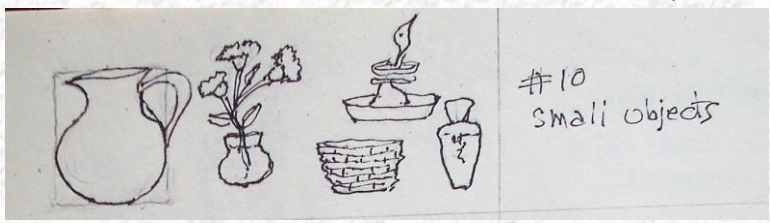


9. Draw fruits.



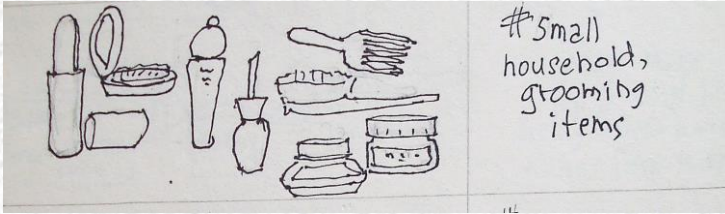


10. Find or make up small
vases/pitchers/flowers/figurines/small
basket/trinket box with lid.





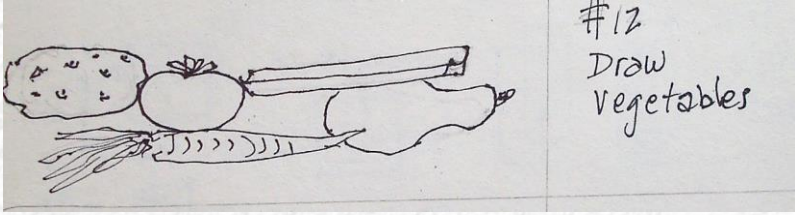
11. Draw small items: ring holder/brush/sponge/perfume bottles/lipstick/nail polish bottles.



#small household, grooming items



12. Draw vegetables.



#12
Draw
Vegetables



13. Do thumbnail sketches: use the left page, draw 2" x 3" rectangles freehand, draw some objects in various configurations.



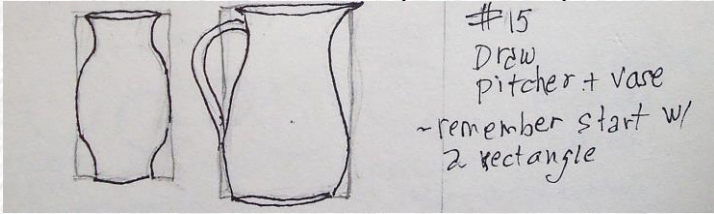


14. Pick one of your thumbnail sketches and do it to fill this page. If you wish, shade it with the side of your pencil.

Beauty is everywhere

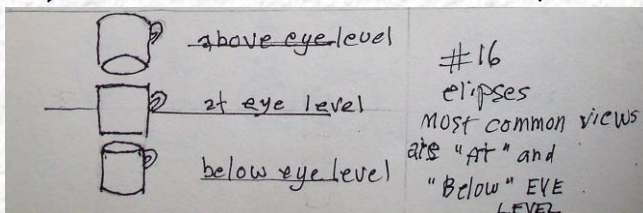


15. Do a pitcher or vase. Be sure to make the mouth rounded. Repeat the same curve at the bottom of the object.





16. Look closely at ellipses, or the oval shape at the mouth of a mug, glass, or vase. An ellipse is a circle in perspective that changes as it goes above (or below) eye level.





17. Do a vase of flowers..

So much to see

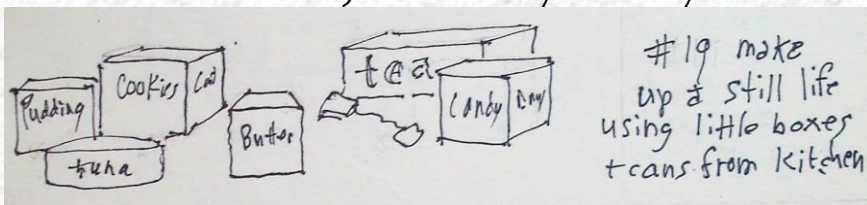


18. Show transparency.





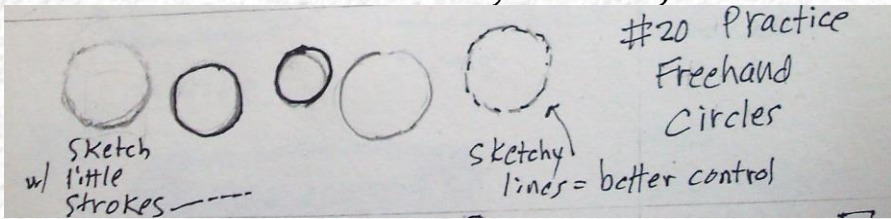
19. Arrange a still life using little boxes and cans from the pantry.



#19 make
up a still life
using little boxes
& cans from kitchen



20. Practice making circles freehand.



Sketch w/ little strokes

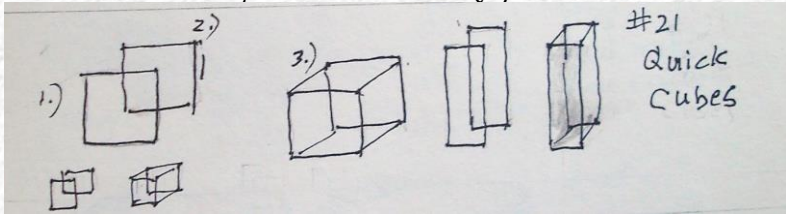
Sketchy lines = better control

#20 Practice Freehand Circles

The image shows a row of five hand-drawn circles. The first circle is the largest and has a slightly irregular, sketchy appearance. The second circle is smaller and more uniform. The third circle is the smallest and also more uniform. The fourth circle is larger than the third but smaller than the first, and is more uniform. The fifth circle is the largest and has a very sketchy, dashed appearance. A dashed line with an arrow points from the text 'Sketch w/ little strokes' to the first circle. Another dashed line with an arrow points from the text 'Sketchy lines = better control' to the fifth circle. To the right of the circles, the text '#20 Practice Freehand Circles' is written.

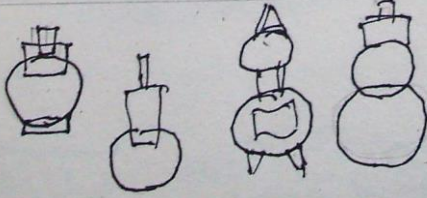


21. Turn squares and rectangles into cubes to give them depth.

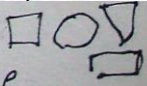




22. Combine simple geometric shapes.

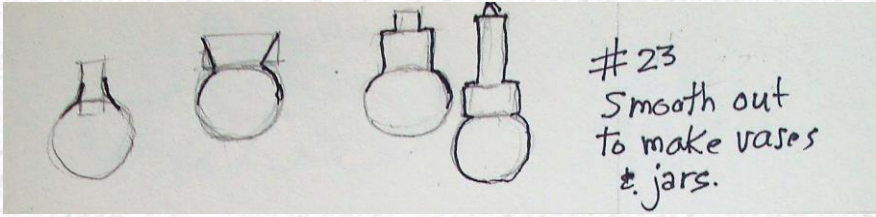


#22
Combine
Shapes
play w/ it



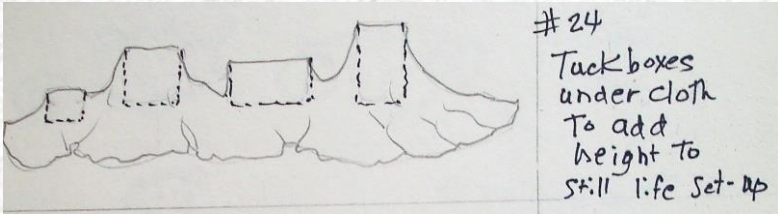


23. Cut into the geometric shapes to get vases and bottles. Smooth out the edges.





24. Tuck some little boxes under a plain cloth to add height to a still life. See how the cloth drapes and draw it.





25. Find a variety of textured place mats, cloth napkins, and scarves.



#25
draw mats
show texture

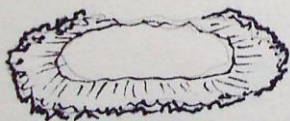


26. Draw each fabric piece on a page, show the texture of the cloth.

My art supplies are always handy



27. Find a doily or make up one. Give it a fancy edge.



Lacy ruffles



Pleats

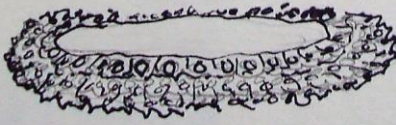
#27

Doily with fancy edge



28. Find a lace edged doily and draw it.

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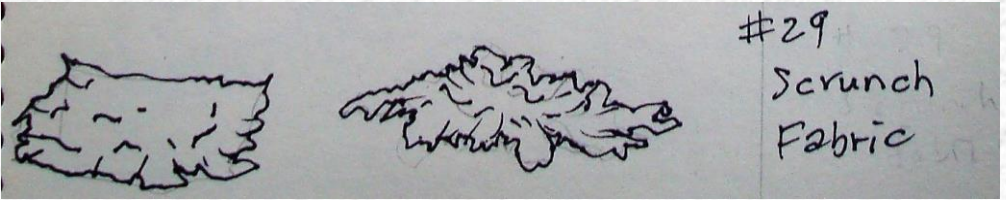


#28

lace-edged
Doily



29. Scrunch up a fabric piece and draw what you see.



#29

Scrunch
Fabric



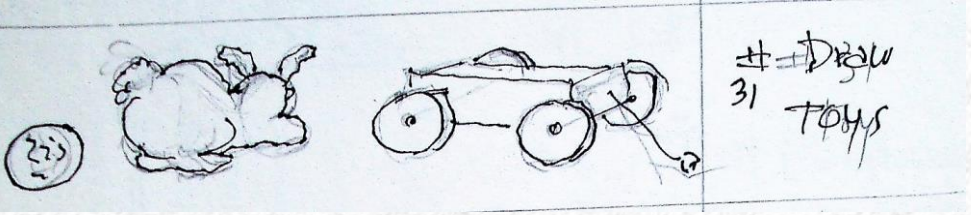
30. Scrunch up the edge of a doily and draw



#30
scrunch
edge of edge
a doily

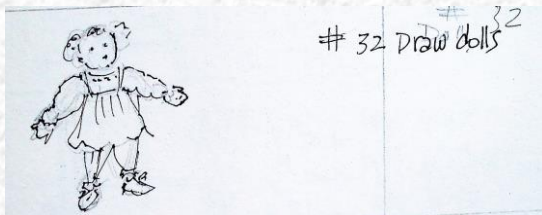


31. Find a toy and draw it.



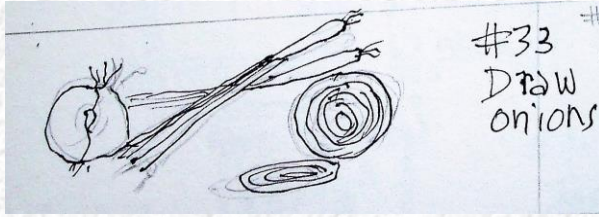


32. Draw a doll.





33. Draw onions.



#33
Draw
onions



34. Get a set of good colored pencils and use them to color many of your earlier drawings.

My job is to capture life on paper



35. Try layering a second color to create new shades and hues.

Nothing escapes my artist's eye



36. Get a set of classroom colored markers and a fine line black marker. Color the shape of a mug. Go back and do black lines over the colored shape.

Trust Yourself



37. Do a page of colored flowers growing in the garden.

Draw your view of things

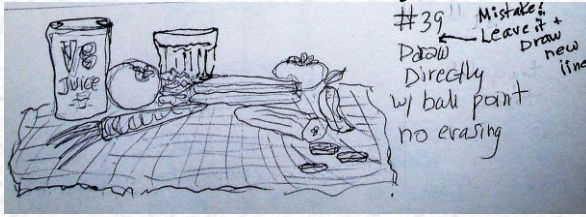


38. Draw a vase of flowers in color.

Your vision is so unique



39. Get a ball point pen or use your black fine line marker. Draw objects using them.





40. Combine some of the objects and fabrics and draw them in pencil. Finish by shading the whole drawing.

Good ideas come all the time



41. Draw objects arranged together using pencil, color the drawing any way you wish.

My creativity is boundless



42. Draw the set-up in black marker and color it.

I love to draw and create art



43. Go back and add geometric shapes to some of your backgrounds. Shade or color them to please your eye.

I might pause, but never stop



44. Make a window behind a few items sitting on the sill.





45. Draw a few items and put wallpaper behind them. Stripes, repeated flowers, or geometric shapes.



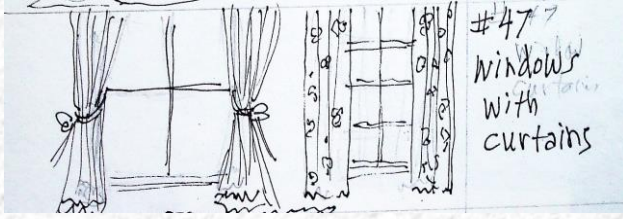


46. Put some objects on a doily and
draw them..

Creativity is a gift from God

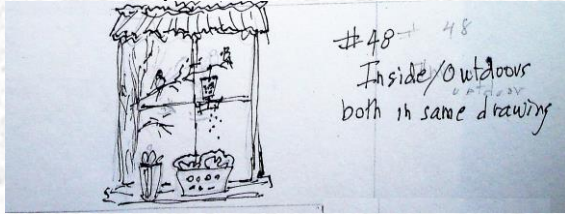


47. Draw a window with curtains behind a few objects on the sill.





48. Draw a window framed by curtains and draw what you would see out the window. For another example, look at the front cover of this book.





49. Have fun drawing. Don't be afraid to tackle any subject. Give it all a try.

Even on slow, uninspired days,
keep going



50. Be kind and try not to judge yourself harshly. You will grow if you keep drawing. Have fun!

Have FUN with art



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