

LEARNING TO DRAW!

Ever wanted to learn to draw?

Have you daydreamed of just picking up a pencil and sketching?

But inside there is a lingering doubt.

A distant memory of a school teacher who told you once you were bad at art.

An inner critic that holds you back.... Even before you begin.

But what if you could learn to draw?

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1. Embracing Mistakes

- For a beginner using an eraser is seen as a bad thing, for a professional, it is essential. Mistakes are going to happen every time. Drawing, as with painting is all about refining and adjusting as you progress.
- A drawing is never correct the first time. You always have to alter what you first thought was 'correct'. Areas that you were convinced were perfect sometimes have to be completely repainted or scrapped.
- Accepting that whatever you are working on won't initially be perfect is key to making things happen. The trick is to realize that these are all signs of improvement and not to get disheartened.

2. Talent is Overrated

- Beginners often think you need a natural talent for drawing. You don't.
- Drawing is a skill that can be learned.
- Don't give up when your first drawings don't resemble what you imagined, just see them as a visual diary of your progress.
- This willingness to start something even when you know it won't be 100% is crucial in becoming a better artist.

3. Create More, With Less

- To be able to draw a subject accurately you need to fully concentrate, and because of this intense focus, your eyes get tired.
- You need to have regular breaks to be able to see the objects correctly.
- We're not designed to work for continuous lengths of time, it affects our ability to judge subtle differences and nuances. So work intensely, then give your eyes a break.

4. Sketch First

- Drawing can be extremely effective in working through large scale ideas.
- The Old masters always made sketches before embarking on a large scale painting. Sculptors make small scale versions of the finished piece before starting to chisel the marble.
- Painting and drawing takes time. And you don't want to waste your time on a large scale piece if you haven't tested a few options first.

5. A Little, and OFTEN!

- To keep on top of drawing you need to keep a regular schedule, even 5 minutes a day will keep you focused.
- The more regularly you draw, the easier it will become.
- This could be on your journey to school, on your lunch break, or when you're bored.

6. Unlocking Your Creativity

- Drawing is fantastic at engaging the right hand side of your brain, and if you're having a creative block, drawing can help to kickstart your mind.
- Learning to draw is actually more about learning to see and discovering a new visual language.

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- How do YOU feel about drawing?