

Drawing Badge

Purpose: Know some great drawing techniques to make your drawings even better—which will make it more fun to see what your imagination can do.

Step 1: Experiment with different materials

Find your favorite drawing tool—called a “medium”—by sketching the same still life three times, with a different medium each time. A still life is an object that does not move. Before you begin, find out about some examples of mediums. Gather those mediums from your house and have them ready to draw your favorite still life. Maybe it is a bowl of fruit on the kitchen counter or a floral centerpiece on the dining room table or a beautiful tree or flower outside.

Step 2: Learn how to add shading

Shading is a major part of drawing. Think of a face—depending on the light, a person will have some areas on their face that are darker than others. Showing the dark areas is shading. It adds depth and makes the picture look more real. Try different types of shading techniques like hatching and crosshatching to shade a face drawing. Use smudging to make shadows in a landscape drawing. Use your favorite drawing from step 1 and add shading to it.

Step 3: Get some perspective

Perspective was not always a part of the art world. It was not until the Renaissance period (the 14th–17th centuries) that artists started using a “line of horizon” to make their paintings appear more realistic. This line creates the appearance of distance on a piece of paper. Zoom in on an object, pretend you are looking through a camera and pressed zoom. What would you see and draw that.

Step 4-Use your imagination like a graphic artist

Use your imagination to create a unique character or logo. Graphic artists typically use the computer. A graphic artist’s job is to communicate messages or ideas in visual form, such as creating a symbol that represents a company, like the Girl Scout logo. Graphic artists use computers to make logos but in this step draw your logo with the techniques you learned in steps 1–3. Make sure you are inventing something new and not using something that already exists.

Step 5: Make your masterpiece—and show it off!

Use all your new skills to create a masterpiece. Choose your favorite materials, and use shading, perspective, and your imagination—even if you are drawing from real life. Then take all your drawings and host an art gallery party at home with your family. In a museum or gallery, when a new artist shows off her work, it is called an “art opening.” Have your own art opening! Make time to talk about your drawings and answer questions like a true artist.

Congratulations! You’ve earned the Drawing badge!

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