



Elements of Art: Observational Drawing



Learning Question:

How can I explore the elements of art to improve my artwork and produce a still life piece of work?

Success Criteria:

- Recognise the elements of art: colour, line, pattern, form and shape.
- Identify examples of primary, secondary and tertiary colours.
- Explore the use of line and different mark making techniques.
- Explain what a pattern is and produce a series of hand drawn patterns.
- Know the difference between shape and form.
- Practise drawing different techniques of different shapes and practise shading them.
- Plan and produce a still life observational drawing using the elements of art.

Vocabulary

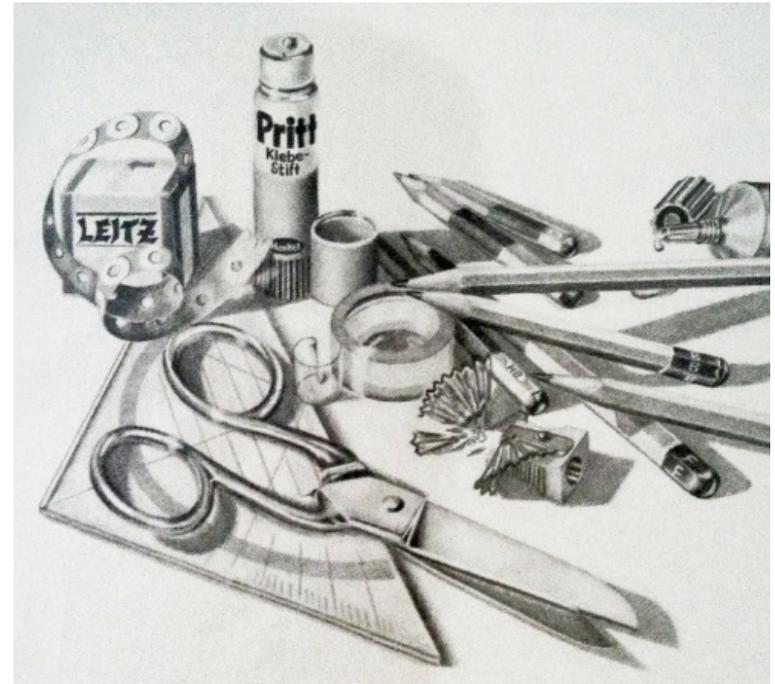
- Elements of Art
- Colour
- Line
- Pattern
- Form
- Shape
- Tone
- Still Life
- Sketch
- Mark Making
- Technique
- Observational Drawing
- Still Life

Observational Drawing

Observational drawing is the foundation of art. It means being able to draw from what you see. It is an important skill to practice and experiment with. The more you draw from observation, the easier it can become. Being able to draw what you see and record your observations and ideas is an important part of being an artist.

Tips to think about when drawing:

- Take your time.
- Look at what you are drawing at least three times a minute.
- Empty your pockets, draw from real life!
- Don't trace!
- Understand perspective, how objects appear bigger in the foreground and smaller in the background.
- Use grids, guidelines and basic shapes to achieve proportion.
- Use a light pressure to sketch.



Using Grids, Guides and Shapes

Artists use grids, guidelines and basic block shapes to help build the structure and form of a drawing. This helps to achieve the correct proportion. Grids are helpful when drawing from a photograph.

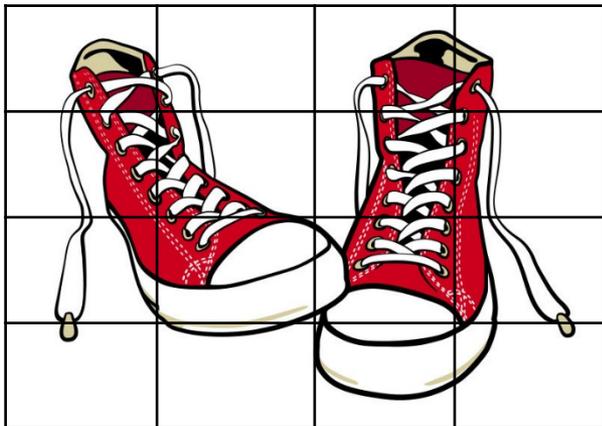
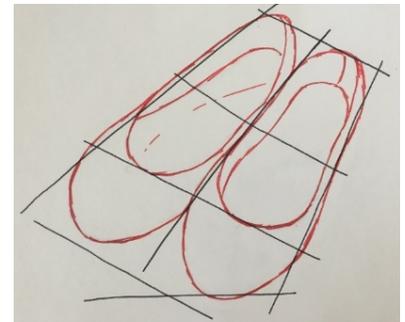


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Using guidelines to plan out the size and shape of an object really helps to achieve the correct proportion. Start by splitting the shoes up into three sections. Marking out the top, middle and bottom section of the shoes.

Sketch out the basic shape first lightly in pencil and check that the object isn't too long or short, too thick or thin before adding detail.



Task

Using all that you have learnt this week you are going to create a still life drawing.

The first thing you will need to do is gather up a few items from around the house that you will group together and then draw.

Remember to ask for permission before you take apart the house!



Suggestion of items you can use:

- Shoes
- Bottles
- Glasses
- Plants
- Mugs
- Desk lamp
- Musical instrument
- Fruit
- Flowers
- Toys

