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Art Techniques and materials

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Dear Core members,

Hope you all well and enjoying the hot weather ☺ I have a series of drawing exercises for you to do from home today. Suitable for all levels! Hope you enjoy them.

Best wishes,

Noel

You'll need:

- any drawing material of your choice

- paper

- a timer

- music

- any object you'd like to draw. Examples: an apple, a plant, a chair, a cuddly toy, a glass, bottle, etc.

Put on some music, set your still life ( making sure it's well light and has a light, mid and dark tone) and have a timer handy!

Warm-ups:

1 minute: Draw your object with both hands

1 minute: Draw your object without looking at your drawing

1 minute: Draw the object with the hand you don't normally use for drawing

5 minutes: LINE. Draw your object's outline without doing any tone. Observe it carefully and try to represent it as best you can. Think in terms of scale, proportion and shape. Observe the weight of the line (will your line be thinner where light reflects the object and thicker where it's darker?)

10 minutes: TONAL VALUE. Have a look at the tonal values in your object. First evaluate how many values can you see? Minimum: light, mid and dark. Lightly draw the shapes or contours of each tonal value, proceed by using your preferred mark making to describe each tone (single hatch, cross hatch, erratic mark making, contour hatch).

Self-assessment/reflect write down 2 things you find you are pleased about your drawings and two things you feel you need to work harder to improve.

You can use these guidelines to do many drawing exercises from home. Remember drawing is a skill which gets better with practice ☺