



FAS Draw A Day

Information & Instructions



Drawing is a skill just like any other and so the old adage 'practise makes perfect' rings true for drawing as well as any other art skill.

We all lead such busy lives nowadays that many see spending time drawing as a luxury but now in our **FAS Draw A Day** project all you need is **10 minutes a day** - yes 10 minutes!. Draw A Day will help you to improve your drawing skills and your creativity, and there will be the chance to share your work with others if you should want to. It does not matter what level of skill you have as everyone will be starting at their own point.

The FAS Draw A Day project is open to all to participate - members of FAS, non-members, old and young can all join in.

The project will run Mon-Fri for a whole year starting on 1st April although you can join in at any time. It would be great if you could join us on this drawing journey.

Each day you will be given a topic to draw these topics are designed to inspire and challenge whilst being progressive and varied. At some point during the day you should spend ten minutes sketching, whenever is convenient to you. Of course if you have time you can always spend longer drawing your pieces. Equally if you miss a day that is no problem you can either choose to catch-up or move on.

There are a few items you will need to carry out Draw A Day. The most important tool will be your sketchbook. Here are some tips:

- Choose a **sketchbook** that you can take with you if you wish to draw outside
- Find a sketch book that has a rigid cover. This will make it easier to sketch if you don't have a hard surface on which to place your sketchbook while you draw.
- Pick a sketchbook that has smooth paper. Smooth paper is easier to draw on with a pen or pencil.

The next item is your **drawing medium**. A range of pencils will be best to start with although you can choose to use pen, ink, charcoal and pastel if you so wish. A **plastic/rubber eraser** will come in handy but ideally it would be better to work without one so you can learn by your mistakes and see the progress you make and you only have 10 minutes!

The Draw A Day topic will be set each day. Topics will include:

- Looking at form, shape, texture, tone and line
- Creative/imaginative interpretation of words
- Draw what you see
- Repeating the same sketch using different media
- Studying the work of masters and trying to imitate their style
- Occasionally there will be a weekly theme such as 'holidays' or seasonally inspired pieces to keep you going.

Instructions will be given to you each day via email or on our FAS Draw A Day Facebook page. If following on Facebook you will be able to upload your pieces if you wish and share with other members of the community. As this is a public page we ask that you respect other people's work and refrain from making any discriminatory or inflammatory comments. Also any piece of work that is deemed to be offensive to others will be removed by the FAS page Administrators.

Alternatively you may just wish to keep your work to yourself which is absolutely fine too!

In no time at all you will see that practise starting to pay off and there will be an improvement in your work all for just 10 minutes a day.

It is hoped that at some point in the year we will have an open day where people can bring their sketchbooks to share with others and see how they have been doing.

Remember when drawing you should never limit yourself to only drawing things you are comfortable with - try to draw things that are interesting and always think about your composition. It is only 10 minutes per day but masterpieces are still possible - look at Picasso! And it is the act of drawing that matters.

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