

Gesture Drawing of the Human Figure

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Goal: To practice drawing gesture sketches of the human figure using simple lines

Materials: charcoal pencil and/drawing pencils, razor blade, blending stump, paper of your choice, kneaded eraser, drawing board



Gesture drawing: Gesture drawing is a quick, spontaneous art exercise focused on capturing the essence, movement, and energy of a subject (often a figure) in a few rapid strokes, rather than focusing on details. It's used to study flow, rhythm, and form, preventing stiffness and building foundational skills for more detailed work, often involving timed sessions.

Line of action: a crucial imaginary, curved line that flows through a figure's pose, representing its primary movement, energy, and direction from head to toe, acting as a foundational guideline to create dynamic, expressive, and balanced compositions.

Reference Sites:

How to Draw Gesture

<https://www.proko.com/course-lesson/how-to-draw-gesture>

How to Draw Gesture - Step by Step

<https://www.proko.com/course-lesson/how-to-draw-gesture-step-by-step>

line-of-action.com

How and When to Use a Line of Action

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fm447EfB5ws>