



Contour Drawing



**5 - 15 Minute
Contour Drawing
Exercises**

What is a Contour Drawing?



A contour drawing is a line drawing that defines each edge of an object through line without shading. This creates an outline (contour) of a shape or form!

Materials Needed

- Paper, lots of it! Draw on anything from copy paper, newsprint, or sketchbook paper
- Pencil or markers such as sharpie or micron
- Any object around you that you want to draw!

Try This!



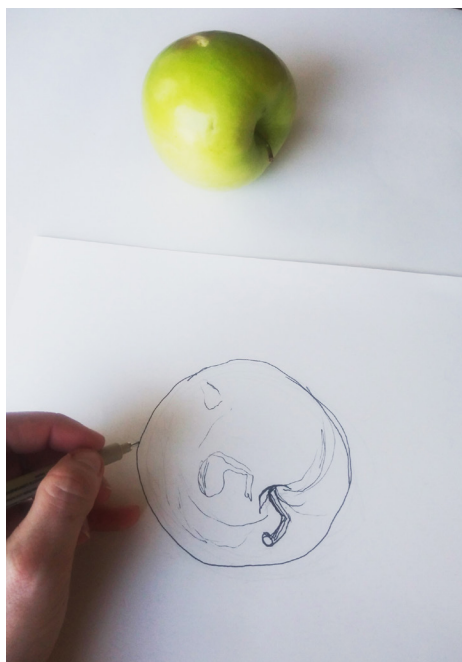
Blind Contour Method 5 Minute Exercises

Challenge:

Don't look at your paper as you draw your object!

To do a blind contour drawing, focus on only looking at your object as your hand draws the contour of what your eye sees.

Can you recognize your object?



Continuous Contour Method

10 Minute Exercises

Challenge:

Study each contour of your object. Then, draw every edge without lifting your pencil off the paper.

You can look at your paper, just don't lift your pencil.

What happens when you draw is slower? Faster? How about smaller or larger?



Draw it again and again!

5 - 15 Minute Exercises

Challenge:

Draw a contour of your object. Then, draw it again, then again.

Experiment with rotating your paper as you draw each contour.

Are any of your drawings overlapping? Did you create any new forms?

Learning objectives: hand-eye coordination, form and space awareness, observational drawing skills, experimentation