

No-Look Drawing

Set up a simple still-life scene and then draw it without looking at your paper. This technique can unleash creativity and lead to interesting Picasso-like works of art.

You will need:

- 2–4 objects for still-life (pitcher, vase, flowers, fruit, houseplant, etc.)
- Fine-tipped black marker
- White copy paper
- Colored markers or pencils

Print a picture of a completed [No-Look Drawing](#) to show artists and create interest in the activity.



Directions:

1. Set up a simple still-life arrangement using objects with interesting contours/shapes.
2. Draw the still-life with a fine-tipped marker without looking down at your paper. Focus on the contour of the objects and try to keep from lifting your marker off the paper.
3. After your drawing is complete, color your creation before displaying it.



More Ideas:

- Set a timer for one, two, or five minutes and draw until the timer goes off.
- Before coloring the drawing, select a few colored pencils or markers without looking at what colors you're choosing.
- Learn more about this technique, also called contour drawing, from the [Portland Museum of Art](#).



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