**Drawing for Absolute Beginners, adult / Course outline and material**

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**General Course outline:**

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| Lesson # | Goals/Projects |
| 1 | Introduction: Materials and mediums, how to make your own sighting tools  Warm-up exercises: Recording your present drawing skills, Blind contour drawing, Line and shade introduced  Project: Paper bag project  Materials: Sketchbook, drawing pencils, erasures, sharpener |
| 2 | Drawing what you see, not what you *think* it looks like: Tips and tricks to drawing accurately  Warm-up exercises: Shading, upside down project  Project: Begin gridding/scaling  Materials: Sketchbook, drawing pencils, erasures, sharpener, masking tape, RULER |
| 3 | How to see and render values & continuation of last week’s lesson  Warm-up: Sketch artist exercise  Project: Shading a white cube and continuing/finishing the gridding project.  Materials: Sketchbook, drawing pencils, erasures, sharpener, masking tape, RULER |
| 4 | Drawing still life from photo  Warm-up: Positive and negative space  Project: Still life from photo  Materials: Sketchbook, drawing pencils, erasures, sharpener, sight stick |
| 5 | Composition and still life from objects of your choosing  Warm up exercises: Various quick warm-up drawing exercises  Project: Still life  Materials: Sketchbook, drawing pencils, erasures, sharpener, sight stick, view finder. 1-3 still life objects (keep it simple!) |
| 6 | Last day! Review  Lesson on drawing hands  Group discussion/show & tell |

**Objectives**:

* To learn the fundamentals of drawing
* To practice and build confidence in drawing from direct observation as well as develop your own approach and style of drawing.
* To build a solid foundation for your artistic practice

**Supplies:**

1. Sketchbook (minimum size – 8 x 11”) or loose pages of paper
2. Grey kneadable erasure and White eraser
3. Set of various hard to soft graphite pencils (2H-8B preferred)
4. Pencil sharpener
5. Ruler

Sighting tools (taught how to make your own in first class)

1. View finder ( 1” x 1.5”)
2. Plum line
3. 10-12” straight stick (such as a dowel)

Optional:

1. Higher quality drawing paper(s) of your choice
2. Low tack masking tape (aka painter’s tape)