

TOP TIPS!

Here are some top tips to remember when drawing

1. SQUINT

When looking at what it is you are drawing, remember to squint your eyes at the beginning. This will help you to see a simplified version of what you see and therefore identify the simple shapes and light/darks without getting lost in the details. These are only important at the end.



2. BUILD A CAKE

Think of your drawing as a cake. First you want to establish the foundational components. For a cake this would be the basic ingredients to make the base - eggs, flour, sugar etc. For your drawing this would be the basic shapes that make up the structure of the image you are working from. The icing and decorations on the cake are added at the end of the process. This is the same with details when drawing, they come last. We want our drawings to have both structure and beautiful detail. This means it will be captivating and what we are trying to say will be clear and accessible to the viewer

3. KNEADED ERASOR

Your kneaded eraser is a really helpful tool. It can be sculpted into many shapes, like clay. You can make it a point, to erase precisely or you can make it flat, and blot out areas of your drawing to soften or 'push back' the boldness of your lines - this will allow you to see the proportions clearer, especially if you overcommitted with a dark line too early. Think of drawing similar to sculpting. Like a sculptor adds and takes away clay, you should add and take away using your eraser and charcoal.

