

Art 1: Still Life Composition Drawing

Create a still life composition using 3 objects that incorporate the still composition tips listed below.

Step 1: Thumbnail sketches

Create 4 thumbnail sketches (horizontal or vertical format) in outline form only, do not shade. Have it approved by teacher. Be sure to round all bottoms and open all tops of objects.

Step 2: Transferring

Redraw your approved composition on to a 9 x 12 piece of paper. Get approved by teacher.

Step 3: The Drawing

Begin applying value to your composition using a minimum of 3 values (dark, medium, light). Use the blended technique for shading your objects. Add cast shadows, a table, background value and highlights.

Step 4: Clean-up work

Make sure you clean edges, fine tune your artwork, erase any smears or unwanted pencil marks and double check the criteria.

Step 5: Labeling

Write your name on the back, top right corner in pencil.

Still life composition

1. Different heights and widths
2. Different shapes and curves
3. Smaller objects in front, taller in back
4. Edges are not touching (kissing), slightly overlap instead
5. Pleasing cluster (triangle shape)
6. Looking down at a still life:
 - a. bottoms of containers are rounded and staggered in position
 - b. openings of containers are seen and created with an oval.