

Daily Art Warm Up Ideas List

- **Choose a number and label (on back of art)**
- **Remember Elements & Principles of Design**
- **Remember Craftsmanship- clean**
- **Remember Composition- used space wisely**
- **Be Creative- Grab viewer's attention!**
- **Always Autograph (front bottom right)**
- **On back label: Name, title, materials, date**

1. Draw an imaginary room
2. Draw yourself as you will look when you are 80 years old (or any other age)
3. Draw a flying frog
4. Draw a clock cooking a meatloaf
5. Draw the monster that hides under your bed.
6. List 10 things the color BLUE (or other color: list color) reminds you of.
7. Draw your greatest fear.
8. Draw things that float.
9. Draw things with wheels.
10. Draw things that roll.
11. Draw things that close.
12. Draw things that come from eggs.
13. Be an ant. Draw what you would see in the cafeteria.
14. If you had a candy bar named after you, what would it look like and what would it be called.
15. If you had been a pilgrim, draw what you think you would have looked like.
16. If you were a flower, what kind would you be? Draw a picture of yourself as this flower.
17. Express in your drawing, your happiest time that you've had in the past year.
18. Draw something that you are good at doing or playing.
19. If I could be a color, I'd be _____because....
Direction: Write Your Answer in Words then draw a picture.
20. Draw a picture of something you'd like to become better at doing.
21. Using any type of line or shape, create a picture with only the 3 primary colors.
22. An alien spaceship has landed in the schoolyard. Draw a picture of it.
23. High in the Himalayan Mountains lives an abominable snowperson. Draw what the snowperson looks like.
24. You have made a startling discovery while skin diving. Draw what it is.
25. Have you ever been to a circus? Draw a picture of your favorite act with yourself as the ringmaster.
26. Draw a picture of one of your family members at work.
27. Draw a picture of your shoe (or hat.) Draw it again from another view.
28. Draw your hand.
29. Draw a picture of your pet or the pet you would LOVE to have.
30. Fill your page with drawings of bugs, seashells, or something that you collect.
31. Draw a family member or a friend.
32. Draw a picture of yourself as you think you might look in 10 years.
33. Have you ever had a daydream instead of doing your work? Draw a picture of your daydream.
34. Draw a picture of your house and yard with a BIG, HUGE, dinosaur in the yard.
35. What is the best story your grandmother/grandfather tells about the olden days? Draw a picture of this story.
36. Draw a picture of your favorite (or least favorite) part about school.
37. Draw a picture of your dream car.
38. What does the boogeyman look like?
39. If you could cast a magic spell, what would it be? Draw a picture of it.
40. The famous American Pop artist Andy Warhol said, "Everyone will have at least fifteen minutes of fame in a lifetime." Illustrate your 15 minutes of fame.
41. A new musical group has asked you to design a CD COVER for them that illustrate their music. Be sure that your design is original and does not use any other group's design. Draw this NEW CD cover.
42. Draw a picture of your dream house.
43. Design your own bedroom floor plan.
44. Think of 3 different animals. Draw the head of one, the body of the second, and the legs of the third one. Give it a name and write the name under the picture.
45. Draw yourself screaming because you are scared.
46. Draw the silliest thing you ever saw.
47. Draw a monster truck.
48. Draw a spider that nobody has ever seen before.
49. Draw what you would look like if you received a MEDAL at the US OLYMPICS.
50. Draw your shoe
51. Draw a character from a book you like
52. Quickly sketch out an original design of a soda can label. Make a brand name, an image, and a slogan to create a market identity, Write a catchy slogan
53. I always like to start with "what-if" questions. What if it got bigger? Smaller? Bolder? More subtle? ... etc
54. What I have been doing for my warm ups is to write a quote... any that will make a difference in my students and even myself and I make them draw something out of it... wonderful visual art comes from this quotes! Just don't let them use too many symbols like hearts and stars or else they will just decorate the quote with too many of them...
55. Draw a vase and a beautiful arrangement of flowers
56. Draw a picture of the inside of your stomach and the food in it after a big meal

57. Draw your idea of Paradise
58. Draw a picture of someone you would like to kiss (your boyfriend/girlfriend, a baby, your cat, etc.)
59. If animals could draw, what would their artwork look like? Draw their artwork.
60. Why are people afraid to visit cemeteries at night? Draw it.
61. Draw a necktie and design an interesting pattern on it.
62. Draw a medal for yourself. It must be designed for the thing you do best.
63. Draw a city on another planet.
64. You are a toy designer; draw your new toy.
65. Draw a logo for a TV. show.
66. Draw a picture of yourself the way you will look 20 years from now.
67. Draw a picture of the perfect garden for your house.
68. Draw a scene from your early childhood.
69. Draw a parade.
70. Draw a cover for a CD of your favorite singer
71. Draw a picture of where you would like to fly to.
72. Draw a poster to advertise your favorite movie.
73. Draw a construction site.
74. Draw your view from an airplane window.
75. Draw a scene on another planet and include another kind of being.
76. Draw a picture of an ideal wedding ceremony.
77. Draw a picture of someone you would like to visit.
78. Draw what you think a garden would look like from the view of an insect.
79. Draw a sandcastle.
80. Draw a house built underground.
81. Draw what a spaceship commander would see on his video screen.
82. Draw a view under a magnifying glass (include the magnifying glass).
83. Draw the boat you would like to travel in around the world.
84. Draw a scientist's top secret project.
85. Draw a new piece of sculpture for the museum's sculpture garden.
86. Draw a picture of yourself if you grew flowers instead of hair.
87. An imaginative architect has changed the look of the skyline with an innovative new building; draw the building.
88. Draw a modern house which would still look good in a neighborhood with older houses.
89. Draw an idea that came into your head by thinking of food.
90. Draw an idea that came into your head through your ears.
91. Draw an idea that came into your head through your fingers.
92. Draw an idea that came into your head through your feet.
93. Take any one of the ideas you have already drawn and revise it - - redesign it.
94. Write a large number in the middle of a page. Turn it into a person/animal.
95. Make a design using your address.
96. Combine a plant and an animal to create a new life form.
97. Add a machine to a shape (square, circle, etc.) to create a new invention.
98. Draw a picture. Cut your pictures into squares. Paste the squares into a new design.
99. Draw a picture. Fold your picture into a fan. Cut little shapes out of the fan (like cutting snowflakes). Open the picture up and glue onto a second sheet.
100. Illustrate a famous saying/quotation.
101. Draw yourself in a mood.
102. Draw things that make noise and illustrate the sound.
103. Draw things that float.
104. Draw things with a flavor.
105. Draw your greatest fear.
106. Draw things that close.
107. Illustrate "the way things were".
108. Draw the world from the point of view of a frog/toad.
109. Draw your own game board.
110. Draw a "how to" poster.
111. Draw yourself with wings.
112. Draw things that come from eggs.
113. Draw a comic strip with your own characters.
114. Draw your dream room.
115. Design an advertisement for yourself.
116. Design a new license plate for North Carolina.
117. Illustrate words such as up, upside down, apart, crazy, sane...
118. Design new methods of transportation.
119. Design an ad for your favorite music.
120. Design a new map.
121. Create an imaginary alphabet.
122. Draw a Bulldog in an historical outfit.
123. Design a costume for 2090.
124. Draw old-fashioned puppets.
125. Illustrate: If you were the tallest person in the world.
126. Draw a view of the jungle.
127. Draw a lost dog.
128. Draw the trail of an imaginary insect.
129. Draw how you would be if you were the last person on earth.
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131. Draw yourself dressed in clothing from the 1970's.
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133. Draw your birthday wish list.
134. Draw an illuminated letter for your best friend.
135. Draw yourself in the style of your favorite artist.
136. Draw your "dream car".
137. Draw a "fantasy" house.
138. Draw a bubble.
139. Draw a leaf.
140. Draw the sky.
141. Draw a mirror and all it reflects.
142. Draw your favorite animal with a human face.

143. Draw yourself as a robot.
144. Draw your favorite song.
145. Draw your favorite photograph.
146. Draw your favorite person (from life).
147. List 10 things a color such as red reminds you of.
148. Look at Van Gogh's bedroom. What objects can you find?
149. Express in a drawing your happiest moment in the past year.
150. Express in a drawing something you are good at.
151. If I could be any color, I'd be _____ because.....
152. Draw a picture of something you'd like to become better at.
153. Using any type of line or shape, create a picture with only the 3 primary colors.
154. Draw one of your shoes
155. Draw a picture of your shoe, overlapping three different views on the same page.
156. Draw a picture of your pet.
157. Fill a page with one line that keeps going.
158. What is art?
159. Self-portrait?
160. Draw your window.
161. A Value scale with your favorite color.
162. Still life using as many of the grays as you can.
163. Design your own bedroom (a floor plan) what would you put in that room, where would you put it, how would you put it.
164. Camouflage something (a bug on a leaf, you in your room, a lizard on a rock) by texture or color.
165. Draw yourself screaming.
166. A vampire turning into a bat and flying away
167. three frogs playing leap frog
168. A frog falling into a hole.
169. A flower growing.
170. Draw yourself at 16 years old, 30 and 80 years old. Triptych
171. Draw the silliest thing you ever saw.
172. Draw someone picking something up.
173. Draw the Thinker as an animal.
174. Distort something. A short fat pencil. A glue bottle, the thickness and length of a pencil. A ruler made with curved lines
175. What subject or topic are you really interested in?
176. Create a Dr. Seuss landscape
177. Draw the wind
178. Draw sadness
179. Draw happiness
180. Collections of objects: toys, books (opened, closed, stacked), kitchen utensils, art materials, contrasting texture items, knick-knack collections, crumpled paper bags, still lifes of fruit or vegetables, clothing hung from hooks or chair backs, assorted balls, a collection of cans from the pantry or shampoo bottles from the shower. Stacks of shoes. Old hats. Spools of thread.
181. Fantasy art: mythological interpretations, invented creatures from actual live creatures, fables and fairy tales.
182. Story illustrations: for stories they've read or written. To redo those they don't like, or to emulate or reinterpret those they do like.
183. Portraiture. Figures. Animals. Transportation forms. Functional object design, such as the book bag or wind suit they'd like to have.
184. Lautrec of the 90's poster designs for an event they are involved in. Formulate an
185. bookmarks for the school library
186. junk food with wrapper
187. part of a vehicle
188. instead of a hand... your foot (no socks or shoe)
189. something not pretty (one of the 8th grades faves)
190. an interior of something (once a student did the inside of a jar of peanut butter)
191. inside of closet
192. 3 unlikely objects together
193. part of any object (mystery draw)
194. a scene that depicts peace
195. Illustrate your favorite poem
196. Draw the contents of a trash can
197. Drawing of a house plant (real or artificial)
198. Draw an object with a surface texture.
199. Draw tools used in certain professions
200. Draw a tennis shoe
201. Draw your favorite shoe
202. draw a grouping of leaves
203. Draw something you might find in a department store display
204. Draw a large jar and fill it up with something (candy, toys, rock, etc)
205. Design a school desk
206. Draw your favorite snack food
207. Draw an object melting
208. Draw a bowl of fruit, shade it.
209. Draw hands holding something
210. Draw a mechanical object
211. Word picture: select a word that brings to mind a mental picture, Draw the word as the shape of the object. Such as the word apple in the shape of an apple, or apples spelling out the word.
212. Draw popcorn
213. Keyhole: what would you see through a key hole
214. Select an above or below point of view in a specific area (your room, kitchen, bathroom, outside, in a car, etc. Complete this drawing paying attention to details. You may complete the drawing in pencil, colored pencil, pen, etc.
215. Choose a portion of a magazine or newspaper picture. Glue that picture on a page in your sketchbook. Create a drawing that incorporates that picture into a story. You may use more than one magazine or newspaper image BUT the artwork should be made mainly from your added drawings. This artwork should span 2 pages. You may use color or shading. OR you could use a color scheme (monochromatic, etc.)

216. Choose an enclosed space- a kitchen cabinet, a television, an oven, a refrigerator, in a drawer or closet. What human qualities do the objects in the enclosed space assume when no one is watching? Do the mustard bottles dance? Do the socks play cards? This can be one page with details...be sure and show the interior of the space as well as the objects.
217. Draw an animal turning into a household object.
218. If you got a holiday card from one of these artists what would it look like? Pablo Picasso, Berthe Morisot, Salvador Dali, Georgia O'Keefe, Vincent Van Gogh, Frida Kahlo
219. Arrange three related objects (3 kitchen items, 3 shoes, sports equipment, etc.) into a composition. Draw on one page using a light source and shading
220. Create an image using only found images (from magazines, newspapers, worksheets, etc.) The image should communicate a message or tell a story
221. Practice drawing anything from observation- the most common things is good practice
222. Look at yourself in a spoon- draw the distorted image
223. What happens when a 6-foot tall squirrel shows up in your yard?
224. Identify an object that relates to your identity. Create an artwork that uses the image of that object (or the actual object) as the SINGLE FOCUS of the artwork. Open media.
225. Fill in the blank... "I am a _____ in this world." Use the text of the completed sentence to inform the artwork. Open Media. This should be a 2 page spread
226. Answer these questions with an image: At age six I was _____, At age twelve I was _____, Now I am _____, At age 25 I will be _____, At age 75 I will be _____
227. Arrange these images in a composition that communicates your identity. Open media. Should span at least 4 pages in some order that communicates the answers to the questions.
228. Illustrate a dream you have had using only 5 symbols (single images that communicate ideas) this may take one or two pages. You may use color or black and white to complete the image. Consider what you know about composition, emphasis, etc. as you build the images.
229. Make a detailed drawing of your hand holding something related to the fall season OR related to school. Make the drawing large enough that it touches all the edges of the page. You may add color or use shading
230. Your choice- create a one or two page drawing that demonstrates several of your strongest art skills. This is your chance to create your own assignment as many of you have requested,
231. What does the holiday season really mean to you? Your image can be abstract or realistic; you may choose the media. AVOID common images- meaning if you choose to show holiday gifts- SHOW THEM IN A CREATIVE WAY!
232. Create a design using elements from magazine or newspaper images. Cut and paste the images onto the page in your sketchbook to create the design.
233. Practice observational drawing skills by drawing from the following list: Shoes, Corner of a room in your house, Create an arrangement of objects, use a lamp or other light to make dramatic shadows, your pet, Creative views of your car, bicycle, skateboard, etc., Make the image reach all the way to the edges of the page. Demonstrate what you know about point of view, emphasis, composition, positive and negative space, etc.
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