

PAVEMENT CHALK ARTIST

The Three-Dimensional
Drawings of Julian Beever



Julian Beever is a British sidewalk chalk artist who has been creating trompe-l'oeil chalk drawings on pavement surfaces since the mid-1990s. "Trompe-l'oeil" means "to fool the eye." He uses a technique called anamorphosis to create the illusion of three dimensions when viewed from the correct angle. His sidewalk art is pretty spectacular. It all has to do with perspective, which we have been working on in class.

His art only lasts for a few days but he takes many photographs.

His chalk art can easily fool people, making them think they are going to fall in a hole or slide down a waterfall! Large crowds often form around him when he is creating his large chalk drawings.



The following slides are some more examples of his work. Feel free to look him up online also. On the final slide there are links to some cool videos with directions of 3-D simple drawings to do.







Ooh, here are some links to check out!

(This presentation created by Charlene Cloutier)

This is a link to a really short video of some kids doing basic 3-D sidewalk art, if you have chalk you could try it outside, then take some toy superheroes and play around with your artwork and take pictures!

<https://youtu.be/LFh4hnWXvWg>

The following 2 drawings can be done with a pencil (and a black marker if you have one)

This one is how to draw a 3-D hole

<https://youtu.be/KnZQYXPJnXU>

This one is how to draw 3-D stairs

https://youtu.be/LcWLe_f-wQk