

Negative & Positive Shape Drawing Assignment
Drawing 1
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Negative Space is the empty space around and in between objects. Positive Shape is the figure or object in a composition. Chair the positive form and the air is the negative space shape. In this drawing we will learn the importance of drawing nothing and how if we accurately draw the air shape around the object then we will have drawn the object accurately.

Tools:

- Pencil HB, 2B
- Eraser
- India Ink
- Brush
- Cup of Water
- Paper towel

Assignment:

Day 1 warm up drawing

Draw a chair or stool. You may use a photograph if need be but best to work from observation. The chair is your warm up exercise, make sure to fill the page with the drawing and watch the demonstration videos on the bottom of this document.

Day 2 drawing:

Arrange three to five objects, make sure to overlap some objects, compose with your phone camera or viewfinder so that you have an OPEN, TOUCH and CROP composition. You may also draw a complex plant or your bike. Measure the object and the air shape around and in between the objects. Use the sighting process to measure the negative and positive shapes. Make a strong, dynamic composition.

- 1) Compose, thumbnail, open /touch / crop. Gesture using HB pencil with a light touch.
- 2) Fuse objects and then contour line the fused shapes using 2B
- 3) “x” all of the Negative Shapes
- 4) Use India Ink and paint brush to ink in all of the air pockets



step 2 /contour fused stage



Step 4 / Inked in final version

Resources:

Teacher Demonstration Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OwAwPA1padM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jXDIFozKSHo>

Student Drawing Tutorial Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zFONLR5hC-g>

Slideshow:

<https://www.slideshare.net/radiofreecaro/negative-shape-drawings-web>

Artist Video Paul Curtis / Professor of Dirt

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5IX-2sP0JFw>

Negative Space Set up Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7RM3DL2Wos>