



Integrating Early Literacy and the Arts

Activities:

Paper Cutout

Pen and Ink

Watercolor

Oil & Acrylic

Cartooning

Famous Artist:

Henri Matisse

Pablo Picasso

J.M. W Turner

Vincent Van Gogh

Charles Shultz

Visual Art can help children become better learners, provide a way for them to express thoughts, feelings, and hopes, and expand their creativity and imagination.

When exploring art in any form with your child he or she is learning how to analyze concepts of space, color, line, perspective and interpret ideas and meanings about art and the world. You will also have the opportunity to teach your child the reasons and rewards for hard work and completing goals.

Included in each creativity packet you will find helpful ideas and fun art projects to share with your child.

These activities are designed to teach your child about art, provide an outlet through which your child can express his or her feelings and ideas, as well as open communication between you and your child. These activities are not meant to teach criticism therefore, always remember art with your child is about process not product.

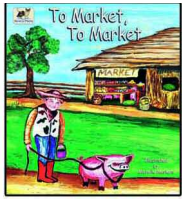
We invite you and your child on a journey to learn how art can help you see the world in new and amazing ways.

Pen & Ink

Famous Artist: Pablo Picasso

Pablo Picasso is known as a genius in the art world. He started drawing when he was just a small boy. He loved to draw. Picasso's father was an art teacher and the first person who encouraged him to draw and paint. Picasso's art is shown in galleries and museums all over the world.

Picture Books:



To Market, To Market Illustrated by Michelle Masters

Available From Smarty Pants Press

Cloudy with a chance of Meatballs Written by Judy Barret

Illustrated by Ron Barret

Objectives:

Learn about line, space and how to explore objects by training your eyes to crawl like a snail.

Learning Props:

Paper at least 8 1/2" x 11"

Pencil or pen

Markers and crayons (optional)

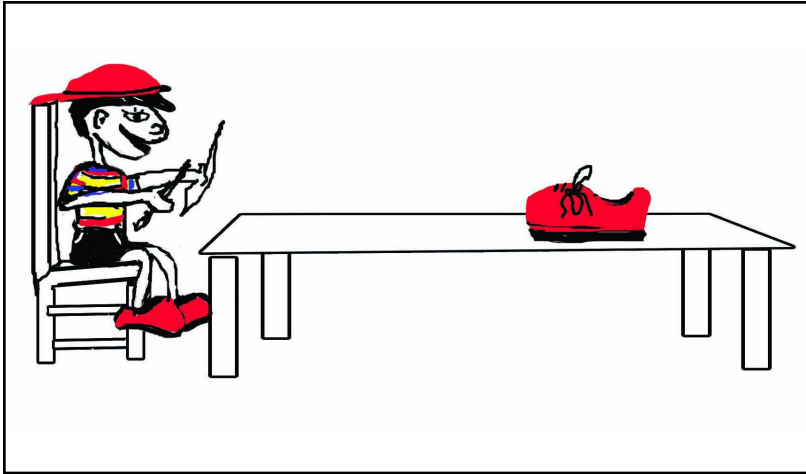
Small objects around the house, for example, a hat, a teddy bear, shoes, etc.

Art Activity:

We will be doing a blind contour drawing. Your first drawing may look silly and that is okay. Remember while doing this project it is important to never look down at your paper or your hand.

1. Take the object you collected. For this demonstration I have chosen a shoe. Place the object close enough so that you can see its details easily.

2. Pick a point on your object from which your eyes can follow the contour of the object. Remember your eyes are like snails so go slowly.



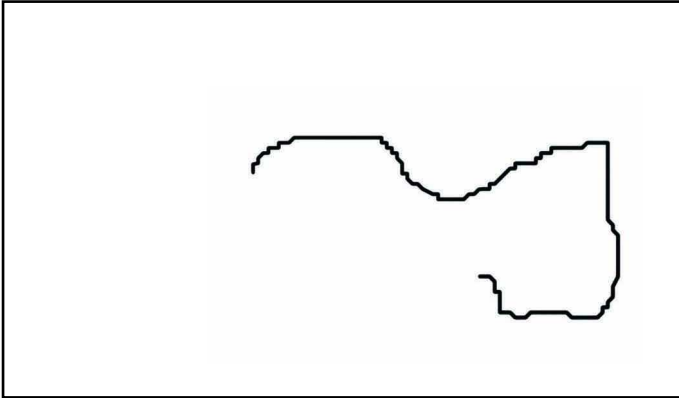
3. Put your pen or pencil on your blank sheet of paper.

4. As your eyes move around the object so should your hand which is drawing.

5. Do not lift your pen or pencil until the entire contour is drawn.

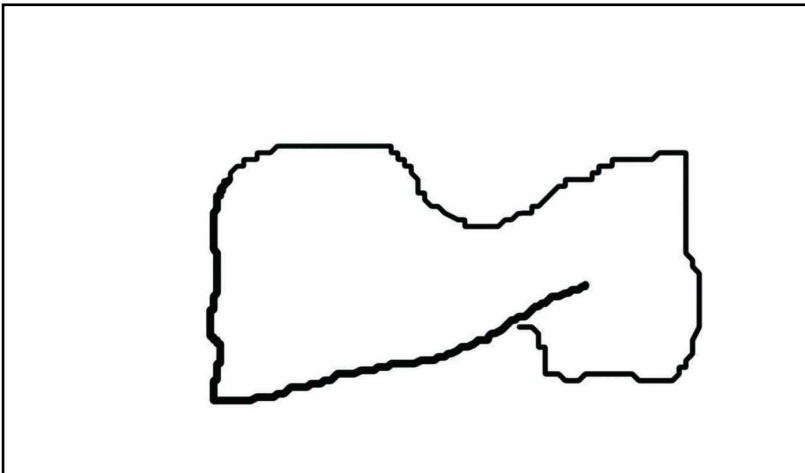
6. At no point should you look at your hand or drawing.

This is my drawing of a shoe halfway finished.



Notice that it looks nothing like my shoe!

**The more you practice
the better you will get.**



Finished contour drawing

Practice! Practice! Practice!