

Drawing Inspired by Elements: Hands Moving Charcoal Dust

[Drawing Inspired by Elements](#) consists of four drawing exercises which are designed to help you to look again at some of our most elemental drawing materials and find inspiration in the elemental qualities of earth, water, and fire.



Charcoal is one of our oldest drawing materials - reach for a lump of burnt out wood from the ashes of a fire and make a mark on a nearby rock, and you are probably replicating the actions of people from the Chauvet Cave, southern France, over 30,000 years ago. In this assignment we are going to remind ourselves of the origins of drawing and mark making, and in so doing explore the kinds of marks charcoal *likes* to make, and how we can push and manipulate it further...

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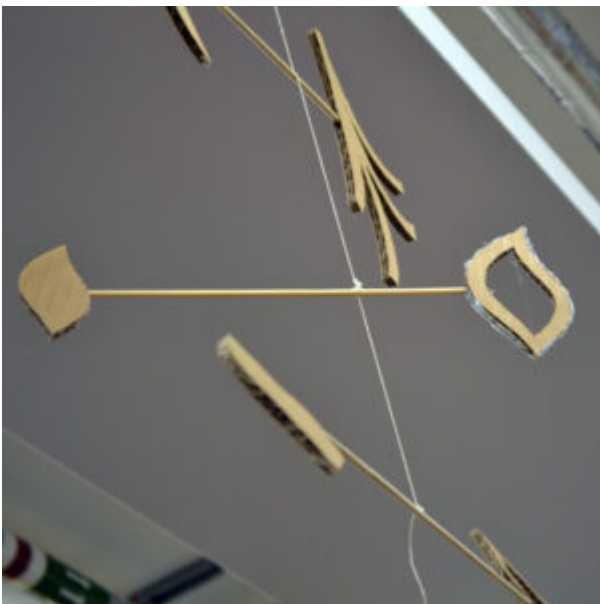
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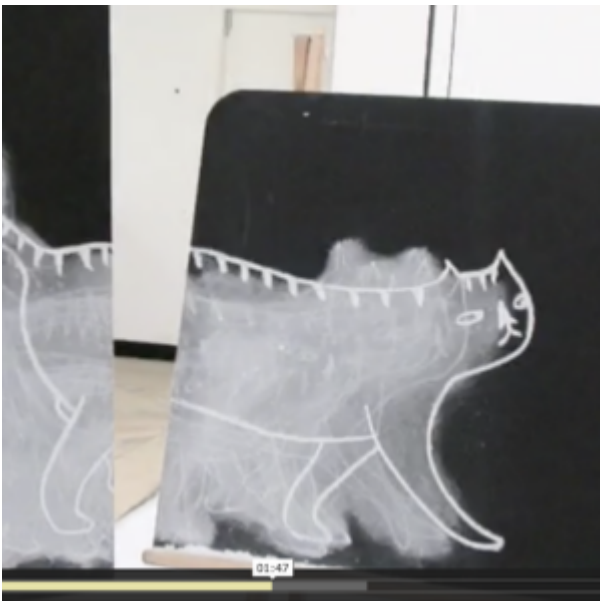
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