

# **The Drawing Journey for Children Ages 9 to 11 – Drawing Exercises**

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## **Exercises to Build Drawing Skills**

The exercises below have been selected as being suitable for ages 9 to 11.

Drawing exercises underpin all creativity. Please note there is no absolute order that these exercises might be introduced, so please do feel able to choose the exercises that appeal to you.

Repeated practice is key: vary the subject matter and drawing medium to keep the process active and engaging.

These exercises might be done at the start of an art lesson as warm-ups, or when children come in to school in the morning or after lunch as transition activities. Skills will quickly build over time, as will familiarity with materials, techniques and ideas. Skills will then feed into all art work.

**Work in sketchbooks or loose sheets of paper which can then be gathered into a Backwards Sketchbook.**

**Ten minutes, five times a week**



**If you are new to AccessArt and how we work, we suggest you start here with these exercises!**

**drawing spirals**



**Start with a simple spiral to explore how you control the drawing medium!**

**continuous line drawing**



**Continuous line drawings help learners develop observational skills and coordinate hand and eye.**

**Squiggle drawings**



**Continuous line drawing for young**

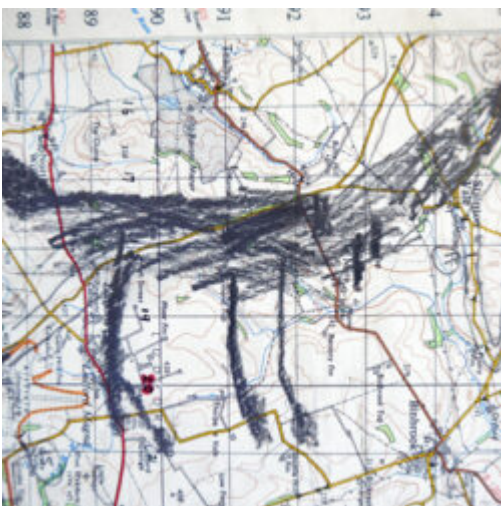
**children.**

**Backwards forwards drawings**



**Use the backward forward drawing technique to help slow down your drawing (and looking).**

**making stronger drawings**



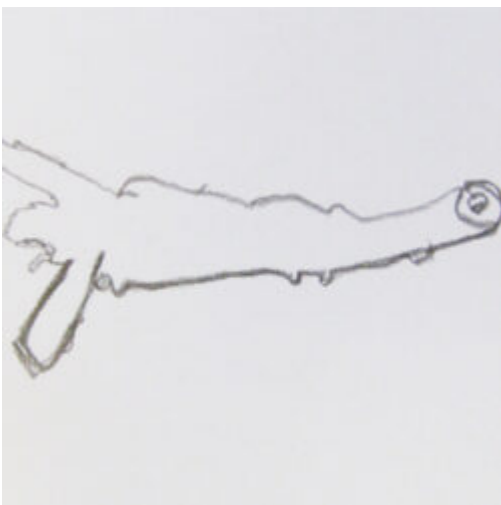
**Try this exercise to help learners make bolder drawings.**

**see 3 shapes**



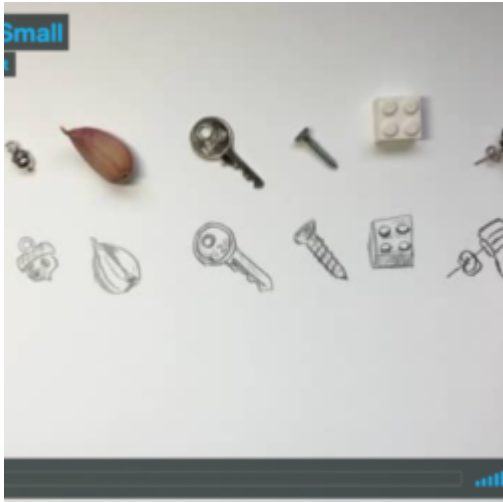
**Explore how seeing simple shapes can help develop drawing skills.**

**feely drawings**



**Drawing through the sense of touch.**

**drawing small**



**Make a series of small, accessible drawings to settle into the drawing process.**

**drawing Large**



**Make larger, gestural drawings using loose marks.**

**finding Marks through artists**



**Be inspired by the marks made by artists.**

**thoughtful mark making**



**Develop mark making vocab and decision making skills**

**drawing speed**



**Experiment with the speed at which you draw.**

**Mark Making & Sound**



**Let sound and music inspire your drawing.**

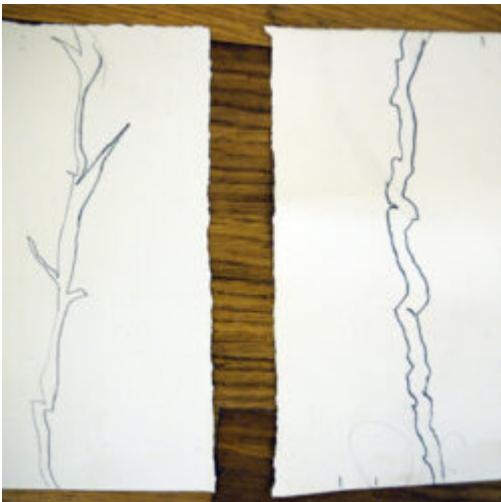
**drawing with a ruler**





**Make your drawings with straight lines only.**

**HELP CHILDREN DRAW LARGER**



**Try this simple exercise to encourage children to draw larger.**

**blind contour drawings**



**Match the speed of drawing with the speed of looking.**

**Make a shy drawing**



**Slow down and make quiet, introverted drawings.**

**drawing hands**



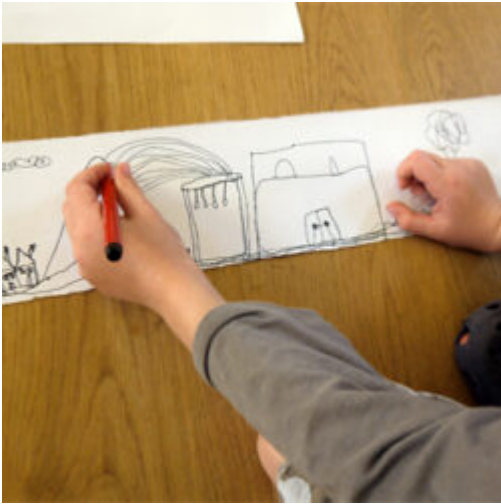
**Simple continuous line drawings of hands.**

**Show Me What You See**



**Drawing exercise to help children see, and communicate that through drawing.**

**One line street scene**



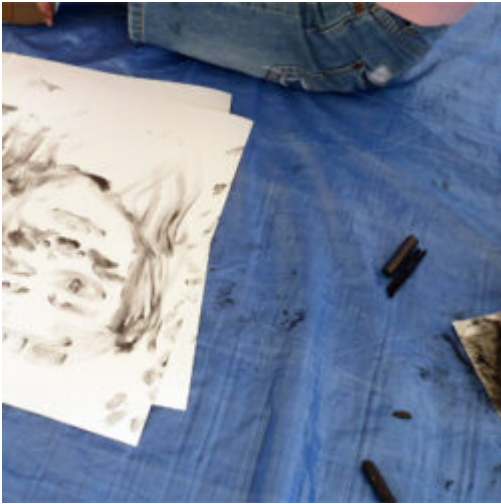
**Use the voice to lead the drawing.**

**look up not down portraits**



**Fun portrait exercise working in pairs.**

**Finger palette portraits**



**“Finger paint” the portrait**

**Drawing Prompts**



**Simple drawing prompts for use in the classroom or gallery.**

**pastels to capture texture**



**Exploring texture with pastel.**

**Turning paper into fur**



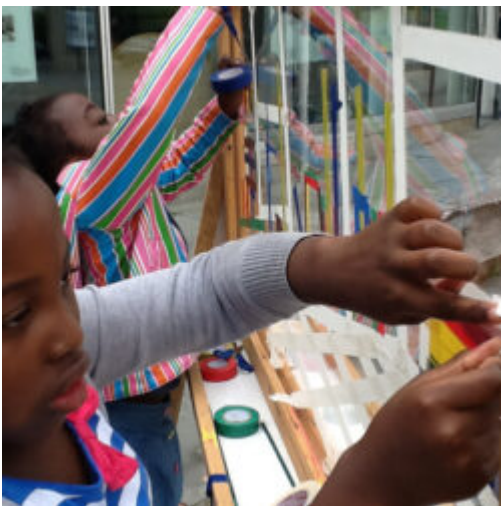
**Turn paper into fur.**

**explore 3d drawing with lego**



**Drawing Lego to explore perspective.**

**Perspective Machine**



**Using tape to help see perspective.**

**Metronome drawing**



**Drawing to a slow pace.**

**the geometry of a chicken**



**Seeing simple geometry to help you draw.**

**Portrait Club**





**Create your own portrait club in class.**

**negative space to scale up**



**Seeing positive and negative space to help you draw.**

**drawing clouds & mark making**



**Making marks in response to other marks.**

**layered colour gestural drawing**



**Layering colours to build gestural drawings.**

**drawing with mass**



**Exploring how to draw mass and form.  
a visual conversation**



**Tune Into The Drawing Process & Break  
Pre-conceived Ideas About 'What Is  
Drawing?' Or 'Why Draw?'**

**drawing out of your comfort zone**



**Exercise to push your drawings further.**

**doodle ball**



**Experiment With Drawing On A 3  
Dimensional Surface**

**ink drawings**

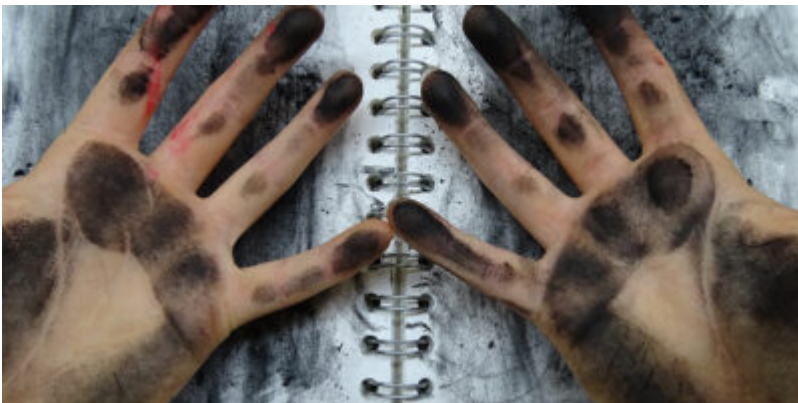


Using ink and making drawing tools

**Continue your Drawing Journey...**



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## **On to Step 3: Exploring Materials**