Life Drawing: Understanding Foreshortening by Hester Berry

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Foreshortening

Foreshortening is the manipulation of proportions in order to achieve the impression of depth of field in a drawing or painting. It can be difficult to process your view of a 3D figure into a 2D representation – you know that an arm is long and thin, so it is counterintuitive to draw it any other shape, just because it appears squashed when it is extended towards you.



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