

Using Colour to Develop Gestural Drawing

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Gestural drawing is a useful exercise to help children make free, intuitive sketches. It reminds us to see the “whole” before putting down the detail of any single part of a drawing. Gestural drawings are fluid and energetic and can stand alone or be used as preliminary sketches as the basis for more developed drawings.

This resource describes an adaptation of a gestural drawing exercise uses layered colours of ink to help develop awareness of the stages of a gestural drawing, and to add an energy to the finished result.

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