Beyond Classrooms Kingston Workshop

Learn to Sketch Worksheet: Video 2: Sketching a Leaf

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Student Workshop Summary: Leaf Sketching Virtual Sketching Workshop – Drawing from Nature

In this workshop, we will learn how to draw a leaf using our eyes, hands, and imagination. We will not trace the leaf. Instead, we will look carefully and use simple shapes to help us draw it on paper.

What You Need:

- A pencil
- A piece of paper
- A leaf or small object from outside

Instructions:

1. Look at Your Leaf

Hold your leaf and look at it from different sides. Notice its size, shape, and little details.

2. Use Shapes to Help

Use easy shapes like circles, triangles, squares, and rectangles to help draw the leaf.

3. Draw Lightly First

Start with light lines so you can fix anything if you need to. Use your whole page.

4. Add Details

We added parts like the tip, the veins, and even holes or bites in the leaf.

5. Add Shading

Use pencils to add darker areas to show where light and shadow hit the leaf. This helps your leaf look more 3D.

6. Draw the Shadow

Add a shadow under the leaf to show it's sitting on a table and not floating.

7. Sign Your Work

Sign your name and write the date in the corner. You could also label the leaf parts and name the type of leaf.

What We Learned:

- It's okay if your drawing doesn't look exactly like the leaf.
- Using shapes makes drawing easier.
- Light and shadow help make drawings look real.
- Nature gives us fun things to draw.
- You can label your drawing to remember what you learned.