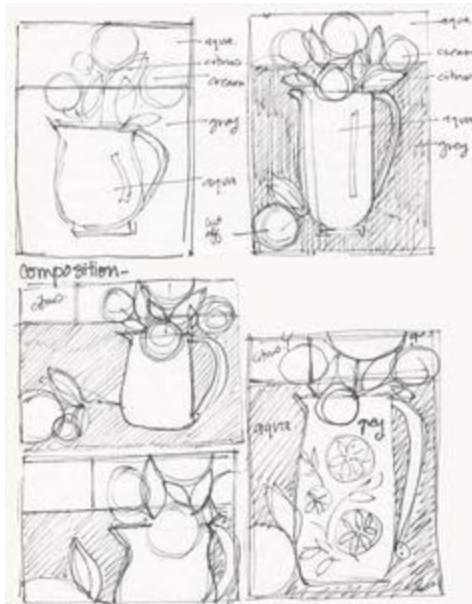


Thumbnail Sketch Exercise
2D Design & Drawing 1
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What is a Thumbnail Sketch?

A quick unrefined drawing to rapidly experiment with an idea & composition when planning a drawing.

Why do artists and designers do them?

Allows for quick idea iterations, forces you to see & think about your idea, freedom to design without technical worries.

Concepts:

The Rule of Thirds <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQyquPmATww>

The Golden Section

ASSIGNMENT

Step 1

Choose a toy, tool or objects from your home or still life cabinet

Step 2

Use 3 sheets of sketchbook or printer paper. 2 thumbnails per page

Make 2 vertical rectangles 4" x 6"

Make 2 horizontal rectangles 4" x 6"

Make 2 squares 6" x 6"

Step 3

Use your camera to frame / compose your object within your composition from different angles or Points of View (POV). Take at least 6 photos. Variation is KEY. Viewfinder works well too.

Rules:

- One drawing must have One Crop
- One drawing must have One Touch
- One drawing must be Open
- One must be Symmetrical / Balanced
- One must be Asymmetrical / Imbalanced
- One must have Open, Touch and Crop
 - Challenge level; Change your point of view / birds eye or bugs eye

Drawing Rules Tools & Time:

Use only line, and little to no shading. 10 minutes per drawing.

Your choice of drawing technique, bold contour line, sensitive weighted line, broken sketch line

GOALS

6 Thumbnail sketches or more that explore:

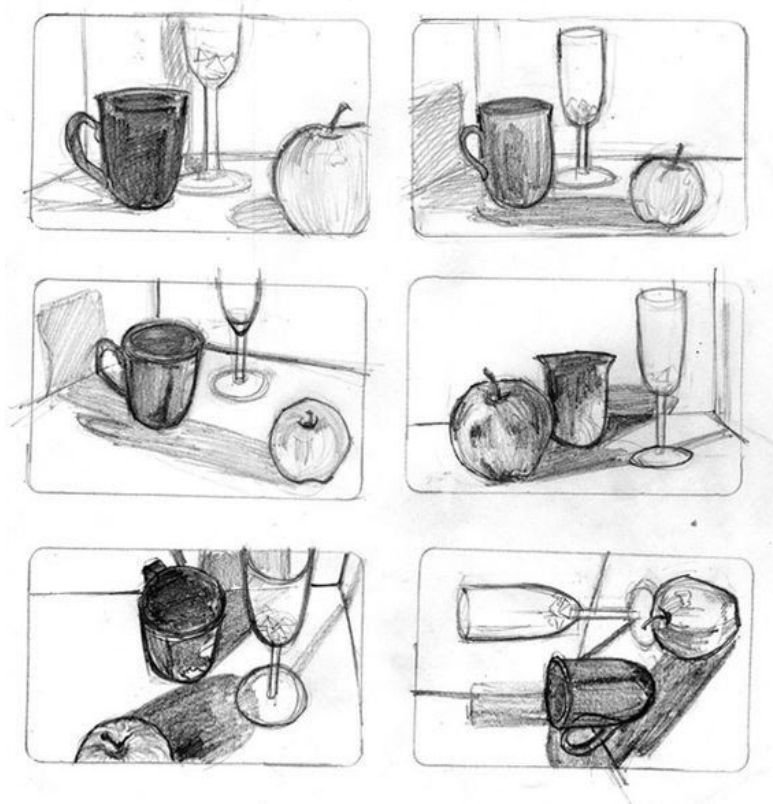
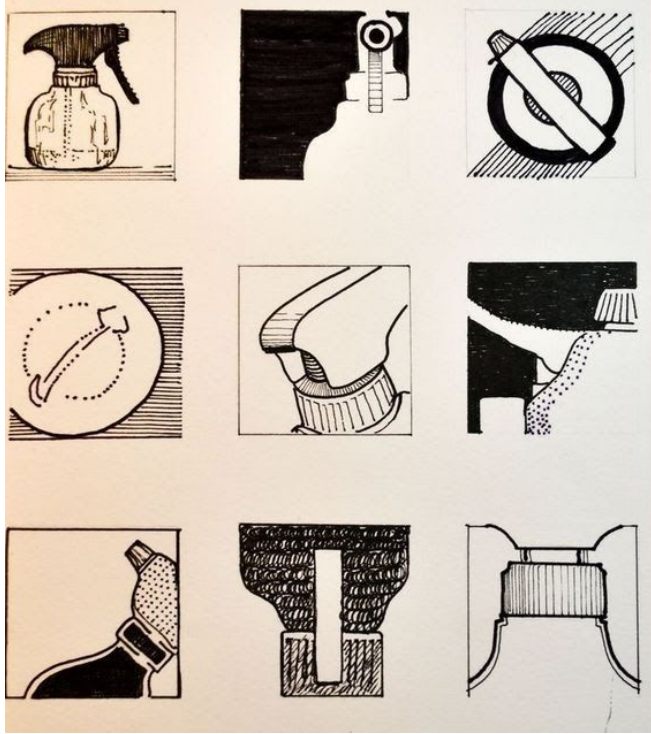
Design Thinking & Process

- Design as Visual Organization
- Design as Creative Problem Solving
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Steps in the process

- Thinking/Brainstorming
- Looking/Seeing
- Doing/Making/Craft
- Critique/Reflection

EXAMPLES



Resources:

Thumbnail Video Tutorial

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HLTC_wENj1U

Principles of Design Slideshow

<https://www.slideshare.net/shaktinanda/principles-of-design-56175885>

The Golden Ratio

https://www.canva.com/learn/what-is-the-golden-ratio/?utm_source=newsletter31&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=thisweekindesign