

Shapes Make Space Project
Negative & Positive / Figure Ground
2D Design / Lehigh AAD / Murphy
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Negative Space is the empty space around and in between objects. Positive Shape is the figure or object in a composition. In this project we will learn the importance of emphasizing the white and black shapes to create space.

Tools:

- Pencil HB, 4B
- Eraser
- Black Paper (optional)
- Bristol Paper
- X-acto Knife(optional)
- Glue (optional)
- Black Marker

Assignment:

Step1 warm up drawing

Draw a chair or stool. You may use a photograph but it is best to work from observation. The chair is your warm up exercise, make sure to fill the page with the drawing OR watch the demonstration videos <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OwAwPA1padM>

Step 2 :

Separating space into Shapes Project

1. Find or take a screenshot of a video game or architectural interior. The image should depict interior space with plenty of objects to capture your interest.
2. Adjust the image size of your screenshot in photoshop so that the longest edge of the image is 12 inches in dimension, adjust the image quality to 300 pixels per inch and print it out in black and white.
3. Rub the back of your print out with a soft pencil (6B) until it is completely covered.
4. Place your print out face up on a fresh sheet of 9 x12 inch bristol paper, make sure it is centered. Tape down the top of your print out and use a ballpoint pen to outline the shapes that make up the image you have chosen.
5. *Think about how shapes connect and consider the shapes that separate the the objects in your scene. For example, can you show a line by making it the space between two other shapes?*
6. Fill in the shapes with black markers. Consider how shapes will melt into each other, imply connection or be separated by negative space.

Resources:

Space and Shape in Art Video

<https://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2015/03/05/analyzing-the-elements-of-art-with-the-times-six-ways-to-think-about-shape/#more-155435>

Teacher Demonstration Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OwAwPA1padM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jXDIFozKSHo>

Student Drawing Tutorial Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zFONLR5hC-g>

Slideshow:

<https://www.slideshare.net/radiofreecaro/negative-shape-drawings-web>

Artist Video Paul Curtis / Professor of Dirt

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lX-2sP0JFw>

