

Art – Dragon Sketches

Observational drawing and sketching

For this lesson, we would like you to have a go at drawing some dragons!

We're going to be thinking about lines, shapes and, if you can, some shading.

It's always good to start by looking at the basic shapes of a picture or an object before drawing and we'll have a go at this in today's lesson.

You can watch Miss Blair's tips and tricks in a follow-along video on the Year 2 channel here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOR6RKBbfz0Z5qWG43JGoSg>

Just look for the video called: **Dragon Sketching**.

But if you can't see it, here are some top tips and instructions.

You will need:

Paper

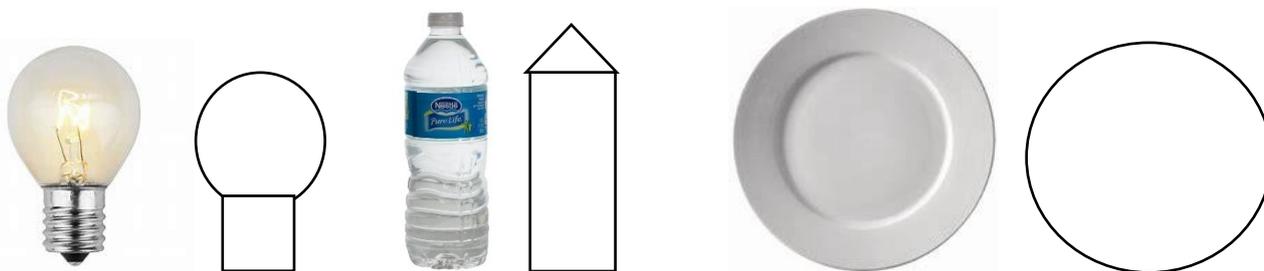
Pencil

Rubber

A dragon or any animal that you want to sketch (if dragons aren't your thing, you can use this method to draw ANYTHING! Including unicorns, puppies or robots!)

Teaching, top tips and tricks!

- The first thing you should look for when you sketch is look for the really basic shapes. This is the circles, rectangles and triangles in the shapes. It can be hard at first, but with some practise you will improve. Using a blank piece of paper, practise drawing some objects from your house using their basic shapes. A lightbulb is a circle with a square on the end, a plate is a circle, a bottle is a rectangle with a triangle on top. Have a practise finding the basic shapes of objects in your house.



- Let's move onto dragons! The first thing to do is find a simple dragon picture like this one:



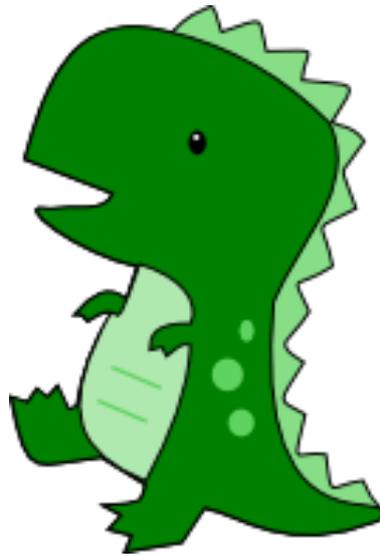
He's small and a great example to look at basic shapes with. Can you spot the shapes that the artist used to draw him? I can see a circle, a squashed square and some triangles. I drew them over the dragon here →



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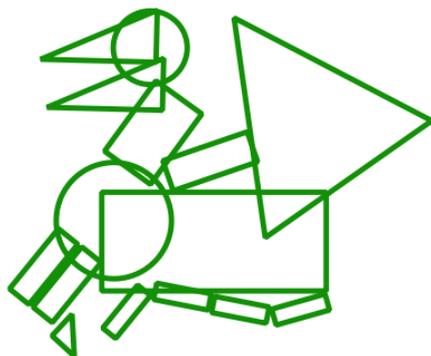
Have a go at drawing the basic

shapes on this dragon yourself!



Now for the fun part. Choosing the dragon you want to try to draw. (Here is one I chose.)

- Look at the basic shape - eg are there circles, squares, rectangles or triangles?
- Draw the basic shapes large enough to fill the sheet. Use light pencil lines that are easy to change or rub out until you're happy with them.
- Don't worry about making mistakes. If you make one just redraw where you think the line should be, then rub out the old line afterwards.



• Then begin to add the detail. Start with big shapes, then find the smaller shapes and add them. Draw any large areas first to start seeing the dragon shape, then add smaller details like teeth and claws. Once you have your dragon shape you can rub out the shapes and keep adding more details until you are finished.

- Once you have practised and become really good at finding the shapes, then drawing detail over them, you'll be able to sketch anything! All it takes is a bit of practise.