

EVERYONE CAN LEARN TO DRAW

Drawing trains the skill of observation, awareness of relationships of parts to wholes, of spatial relationships and effects of light and shading. Children's drawing often parallels their cognitive development. It makes sense to foster thinking through drawing, which can be fun, challenging and a source of satisfaction and creative expression.

- Here's a good introduction to the subject.
<http://drawsketch.about.com/cs/kidsdrawing/a/teachkids.htm>
- Show children how to draw by breaking an object or scene into simple, component shapes. Here are some good lessons, examples with young children, and links to a book that elaborates on the ideas.
www.drawyourworld.com/art.html
- Here is an interesting article by an artist, explaining some specific techniques, like using a viewfinder. www.goshen.edu/art/ed/draw.html
- Want to draw on the computer? This open-source drawing program from the UK is recommended for children 3-12. Free to download, and much supportive documentation. www.tuxpaint.org/
- Take the challenge – draw your shoe! www.everydayart.com/draw.html
- Here's an interesting discussion from a BB archive, with some insightful comments on teaching drawing skills to 4 and 5 year olds.
www.wetcanvas.com/forums/archive/index.php/t-152345.html
- This site for older children has Flash applets showing how to draw a variety of animals, vehicles, buildings etc.
www.ababasoft.com/how_to_draw/index.html
- Here are lots of links to various freebies and helpful sites.
www.artistshelpingchildren.org/howtodraw.html
- Teachers and homeschoolers may find these sites useful in relating drawing to other subjects.
www.amazon.ca/Draw-Write-Now-Book-Characters/dp/0963930710
http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_hb3451/is_199803/ai_n8219319