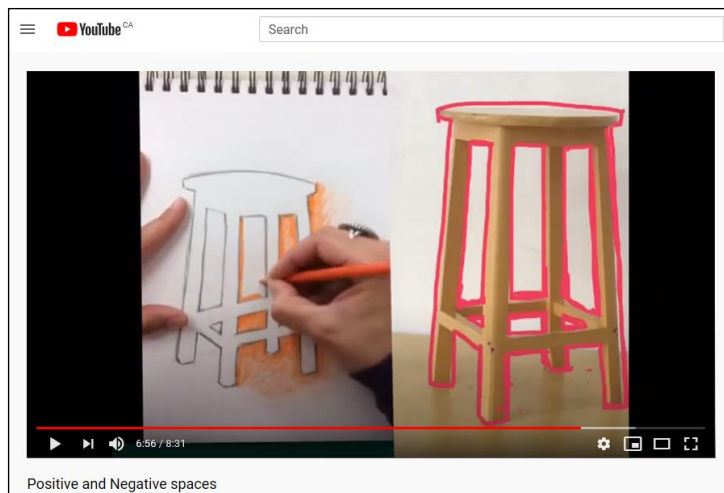


Challenge: Negative Space Drawing

Information for students

- Negative space drawing is a more advanced way to help you with your drawing techniques. Negative space is the space that we see around an object. Looking at a stool, instead of drawing the legs of the stool, your focus will be the space between the legs. These spaces are called the negative space. This exercise is a classic study of how observation of space can quickly enhance your skills.
- To begin, choose a subject you would like to draw. I will use a chair as an example. Place the chair at a medium distance from you so you can observe the whole object. The angle is not important.
- Once you have your subject set, closely observe the negative spaces that surround and are in between the actual shape of the chair.
- Begin to draw those spaces with a pencil. If you are focusing on the proper shapes of the negative spaces, you will see your drawing begin to take shape.
- Optional: This lesson is used to build hand-eye coordination and observation skills. It will certainly improve your ability to render 3-D objects. Use a lighter colour on the spaces farther from your subject to create a softened effect. This will allow you to define the outer edges of the subject and give your drawing a more three-dimensional look. This exercise may take several tries but it is essential to creating better drawings.



To better understand what is being asked here, check out this step by step tutorial:

<https://youtu.be/OwAwPA1padM>

Materials required

- Pencils, plus any additional materials you like: charcoal, ink pen, coloured pencils etc.
- Paper or sketchbook (11" x 8.5" minimum size)
- An object to draw that can be placed at a medium distance so you can view the entire object. (Chair, small table, plant, lawn furniture, park bench, etc.)

Information for parents

- Link to a basic tutorial on negative space drawing:
<https://youtu.be/OwAwPA1padM>

Hi Artists!

This week's assignment will help you approach drawing from direct observation from a different angle than usual. It's a challenge but give it a try and see if it can help you with your proportions and perspective when drawing complex items.

*Feel free to share your drawings via social media using the hashtag **#IBartsHSB** or let me see your work via email at kvalade@nfsb.qc.ca.*

Stay active, creative and safe!

~Ms. Valade