

CONTOUR DRAWING

Homework Project: do a contour drawing in pencil of 6 to 8 objects on an 18" x 24" paper. Compose the composition so that the objects fill the page and are recognizable even if cropped at the edges. Leave at least a 1" margin on all sides. Draw the basic contours. Spend a minimum of 2 to 4 hours. On the back of the paper, write your name and the time spent drawing it, and attach the directions with tape. If you make more than one attempt at this drawing bring all attempts to class.

Strategies:

- * Try placing objects at a vantage point that makes them appear as interesting forms. Perhaps you can sit in a chair and draw objects placed on the floor. Avoid putting everything in profile, directly in front of you.
- * Re-arrange objects several times until you get the most interesting layout that will fill your page.
- * If an object has symmetry, make a temporary guideline down the center to help establish the proper shape.
- * Periodically stand 4 feet back from your drawing and assess your progress.

Grading Criteria:

A GRADE – Greatly exceeds expectations. For example, all of the requirements listed in the directions are met, the contours are carried out in great detail and show realistic proportions. The negative space works well with the positive shapes to form a pleasing composition. All objects appear grounded, without floating.

B GRADE – Exceeds expectations. For example, all of the requirements listed in the directions are met, the composition fills the page, the objects appear realistic, but some elements are un-ambitious and simplistic.

C GRADE – Fulfills the minimum requirements, as listed in the directions.

D GRADE – Fails to meet the minimum requirements. For example, the composition shows only 5 objects instead of the required 6 to 8, and some objects are unrecognizable.

F GRADE – Fails to meet a number of the requirements. For example, objects look as if they were drawn hastily, the composition shows a large patch of negative space to one side, and the project is turned in late.