

# Need of Sketching

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We have always observed the world of art from a distance since long now, but with changing times and growing opportunities it has given us the liberty to learn various kinds of art forms and thus eventually build a career in our preferred form. Every individual has its own special inclination towards a certain art form and the process of learning and relearning helps us build on to something better. The "Need of Art" has become crucial in today's day and age where every individual is constantly hustling to make ends meet, and the art has now become their sole space of peace and therapy. We now enjoy pursuing art as it has become a mode of getting away from the daily routine.

As an individual who has been raised in a home that has been working for different organisations to make a living, becoming an artist was indeed a very different choice I made. The pencil and the paper attracted me from my childhood days and my parents were supportive enough to let me pursue it further. So what is the definition of art for me, is what you would ask. I thoroughly enjoyed sketching whatever I would see around in my day to day life and just kept piling up papers with amazing drawings on it and that inspired me to learn art professionally and now teach it too!

As we talk about the subject the "Need of Art", the motto is to really speak on how that art form helps you to become a better version of yourself, how it allows you to look at things from a million perspectives and contributes in developing your virtue. I settled my curiosity and desire for artistic pleasure with sketching and thus I will talk about my journey through learning and teaching the art of sketching.

Sketching is nothing but an interesting composition carefully drawn using lines, shapes, shades and textures. Every prominent artist has come up with his own definition of sketching, but it really carries no specific explanation.

But sketching is considered to be the strongest skill to command on, if you are looking forward to being recognised as an artist who paints. Any person that can master the technique of stronger line force will be better at his handiwork and will have an edge to create elegant and refreshing art works.

Sketching is primarily linked with lines. The knowledge of lines has been around from the age of primitive man. With maturation and progress, they have evolved into diverse forms and come out in specific ages of paintings. The Renaissance period was the most admired time for paintings and sketching thus established an advanced approach from that age. As time moved on, there were variations in the sketching techniques and during the present time when we shed light on the art of sketching, we are also talking about how it helps us as an artist to indicate our wisdom. Sketching makes our artwork seem conscious.

Speaking of the methods used in sketching, the most important one is geometry. The use of geometrical figures like the circle, oval, triangle, square, rectangle, cylinder, etc. plays a dominant role while learning how to sketch various compositions. The more we evolve in these geometrical shapes regularly, the more accurate our drawings will become. We will have to implement the practice of sketching or rather, experience the authority of sketching in our own personal style, whether it is using acrylics, oil, watercolor, soft pastel, pastel, charcoal, or any other medium. The practice of sketching seems to be dominant in every medium, as it further strengthens our observation skills, helps in eliminating our intellectual troubles and thus extends the power of the creation. This helps to boost up the ability to think, create courageously, and drive away all the worries associated with drawing.

There are many aids of sketching, but one who understands the art of sketching by pursuing the path of diligence, draws it into himself like a faithful enthusiast and is able to make sketching his weapon thoroughly dedicated to the art, that person will be able to establish his exclusive status in this art world.

Sketching is an approach that can only be mastered by constantly performing it on consistent occasions. Sketching gives the artisan the power to enhance our personality as the world is ours to conquer. An individual who is highly motivated to keep up with the sketching practices constantly, is able to emerge in the society as a remarkable artist in no time. Sketching allows you to carry out a way of life in the most artistic and charming way. These are the little ways in which art defines us, and becomes a part of our daily routine.

To speak about how often sketching should be done to keep on with the art form. The beauty of art is that it has no timeline to learn, only how well you can pick up the skills and churn something best out of it. If an individual is making about 20 to 100 sketch artworks each day, there is a higher possibility that his command on the lines and force on the strokes will become better and the fear of drawing incorrectly will be eliminated. This practice will make the individual proficient in drawing all possible art forms, be capable of making a live painting, or just sketch down everything that is around in front of the eyes on the sheets with accurate shapes and lines.

However, all said and done, sketching is an art form that demands discipline in practice. In today's age, where we are juggling with our passion in art whilst doing other odd jobs, we tend to wander off and not have the time to practice sketching. The mundane life tends to let the artist not be inclined towards sketching as they are probably tired physically or mentally. It is a panacea which will help us to achieve the tendency of painting but sketching demands our time, patience and faith.

As discussed above, we begin sketching from geometrical shapes, so if we embrace it in our everyday activities, sketching will be smoother for us. For example, if we have a pot lying around in front of us, we have to look at it as a sphere, not as a pot. If there is a bunny in the presence of us, we have to look at the face as a sphere, belly as a vast oval, and ears as two elongated ovals. If we look at everything in

geometric shapes, it will help us sketch better and understand the perspective. Similarly, look at everything around in geometrical molds, whether it is a vegetable market, bus stand, railway station, or market, look at them in a cluster of geometric sizes or shapes and try to sketch them on a sheet.

Begin drawing like how an uneducated child will draw. Pick all the shapes like a 5-yr old will see and start drawing them on the sheet. Add finishing touches to it to make it just as you see it. You'll realize that the inanimate shapes are coming to life, speaking a story. They are getting pretty. As you hatch in them, play with lines, that picture will develop into a sophisticated and turn into a pleasant artwork.

It is important to let go of the fear while drawing and hence learn in such a way that every wrong line can be corrected by creating art and not by using the eraser. The hesitancy of the artist tends to easily reflect on the paper, and that is the technique that will need to be mastered first, whilst the rest will just follow. Let that fear explore along with the drawing and one day, you will find yourself being able to draw everything in subtle ways. There will never be right or wrong in the world of art. It is your canvas, your pencil, and your world... so just do what your heart and your set of learnings make you do. Be confident about whatever you are trying to draw and that will help you grow in your personal aspects of life too! Shed the weight of "what if I do wrong" and own up to it be "I will do everything I can to make it seem perfect" and that will take that artist within you to newer heights.

Thus, we have observed how sketching is significant, and just like any other work or art it needs sincerity, hard work, loyalty, and diligence to achieve mastery. The quality that this society, this world, this universe, and our character demands from us will never show up if we keep hiding in our fears. So do your work with confidence and lead your way to be successful. To conclude all I can say is, whilst the responsibilities of life may bog us down, art will always lift us up and make us happy. Choose your preferred version of art, achieve little successes through them and that will surely impact your perspectives, way of life and your journey of being content with your own self.