

Drawing Lesson - Basic Geometric Shapes - Still Life From Observation

In this drawing problem you are to arrange a composition using the three basic 3D geometric forms, sphere (ex: apple), cube (ex: small box) and cone (ex: funnel) on a table. After arranging the forms (objects) in a composition use a single light to light your compositional arrangement. Now you are ready to draw the composition from different vantage points. For example you can draw it from the left sitting at the table, then stand or use an easel so that you are looking down of on the forms, another may sit facing the light source so that the cast shadows are coming towards you. It is important to concentrate on the negative shape (spaces) as well as the positive shapes (objects) you are drawing. The negative shapes being the space around and between forms if you get these shapes accurate you will have a very accurate drawing of what you are observing.

4 (drawing), 5 minute drawings of a geometric still life, each drawing should be from different vantage point see below. These quick drawings are warm-up drawings and are recommended before every drawing session.

Examples of Students Basic Geometric Still Life Drawings

