

LINE/GESTURE homework

Gesture is a word used in drawing that can indicate two different things:

1. **gesture** refers to movement or action of the object being drawn. Some objects might be more static, like a cup or bottle but they also have a shape or perspective that might indicate a subtle action.
2. A **gesture drawing** is one in which you capture the action of the object being drawn. It is a quick, all-encompassing statement of forms. In gesture the hand duplicates the movement of the eyes, quickly defining the subject's general characteristics---movement, weight, shape, tension, scale, and proportion.



Sketchbook assignment: do 20 different gesture sketches of different objects and compositions to prepare for the finished drawing for home-work. Since these drawings will only take about 30 seconds each. Make sure you have interesting objects to work from and that each is done with attention. Use pencil or marker. No charcoal in the sketchbook. Keep sketches large enough that you can actually see the gesture and small enough so it's not just one drawing on each page. Try to have about 3 per page.

Assignment: using the techniques we practiced in class and paper provided, set up a still life that emphasizes the gesture of the elements included. Be sure you can tell what that gesture is. Work from life ,not from a picture or drawing that is already drawn. Make an Intuitive Gesture that takes at least 1 ½ hours.

Here is your process:

1. keep original lines light and active
2. map out the angles and gesture
3. consider line quality
4. watch proportions
5. watch shapes... no heavy outlines around anything.
6. Lastly, use light shading for shadow areas

