Selfies: Session 2 of 2

Selfies - styles and grid drawing technique

1. Study and discuss Artist's Self Portraits from 1491 - 1948.
2. Learn about grid drawing method.
3. Draw self-portraits using grid drawing method.
4. Explore grid drawing method used by the old masters.
5. Encourage participants to connect and share via WhatsApp.

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Article - What makes a good self-portrait

What makes a good self-portrait?

- It depends on the type of picture you are trying to create.

What type of picture would YOU like to create?

Self-portraits:

- Which portraits are the **most** ‘realistic’ style?
- Which portraits are the **least** ‘realistic’ style?
- Which style do you prefer - close likeness or the freehand gestural style?

https://improvedrawing.com/what-makes-a-good-self-portrait-drawing/

Albrecht Durer. 1491.

Leonardo da Vinci. 1512.

Sofonisba Anguissola.

Giuseppe Arcimboldo. 1575.

Rembrandt van Rijn. 1630.

Hokusai self portrait. 1842.

Van Gogh. Self portrait drawings. 1887.

Kathe Kollwitz. 1892.

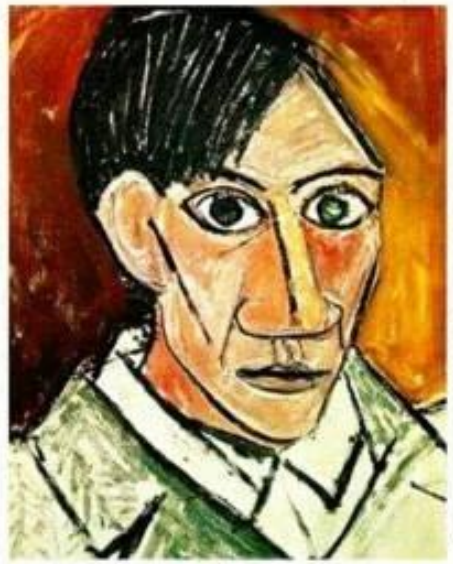
Edward Hopper. 1900.

Egon Schiele. 1912.

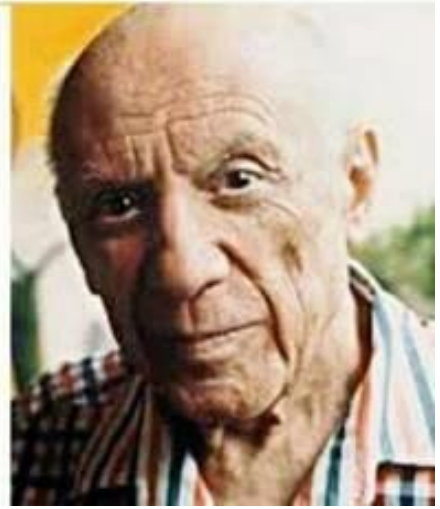
Helene Schjerfbeck. Circa 1926.

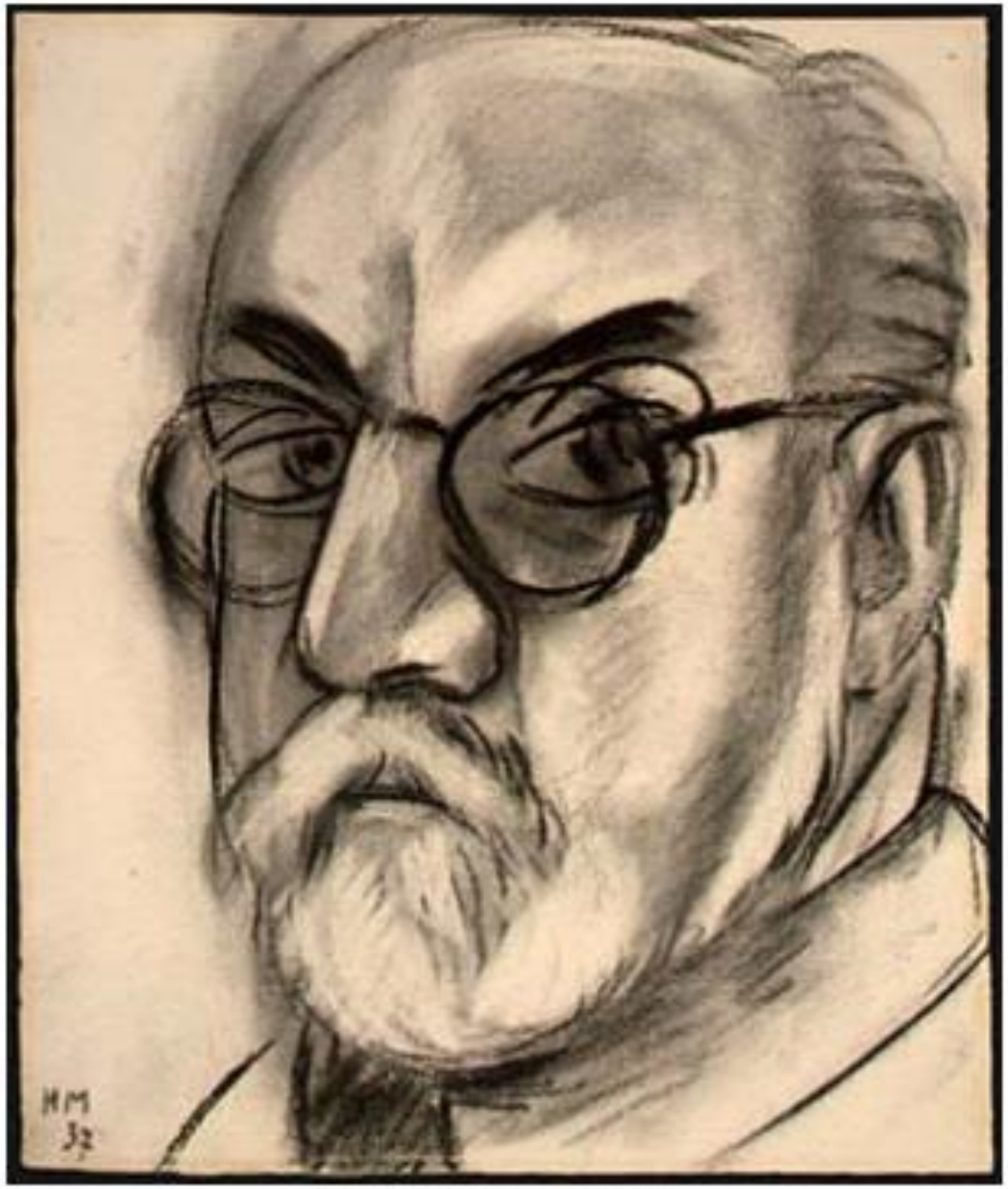
MC Escher. Hand with Reflecting Sphere. 1935.

Picasso's self-portrait

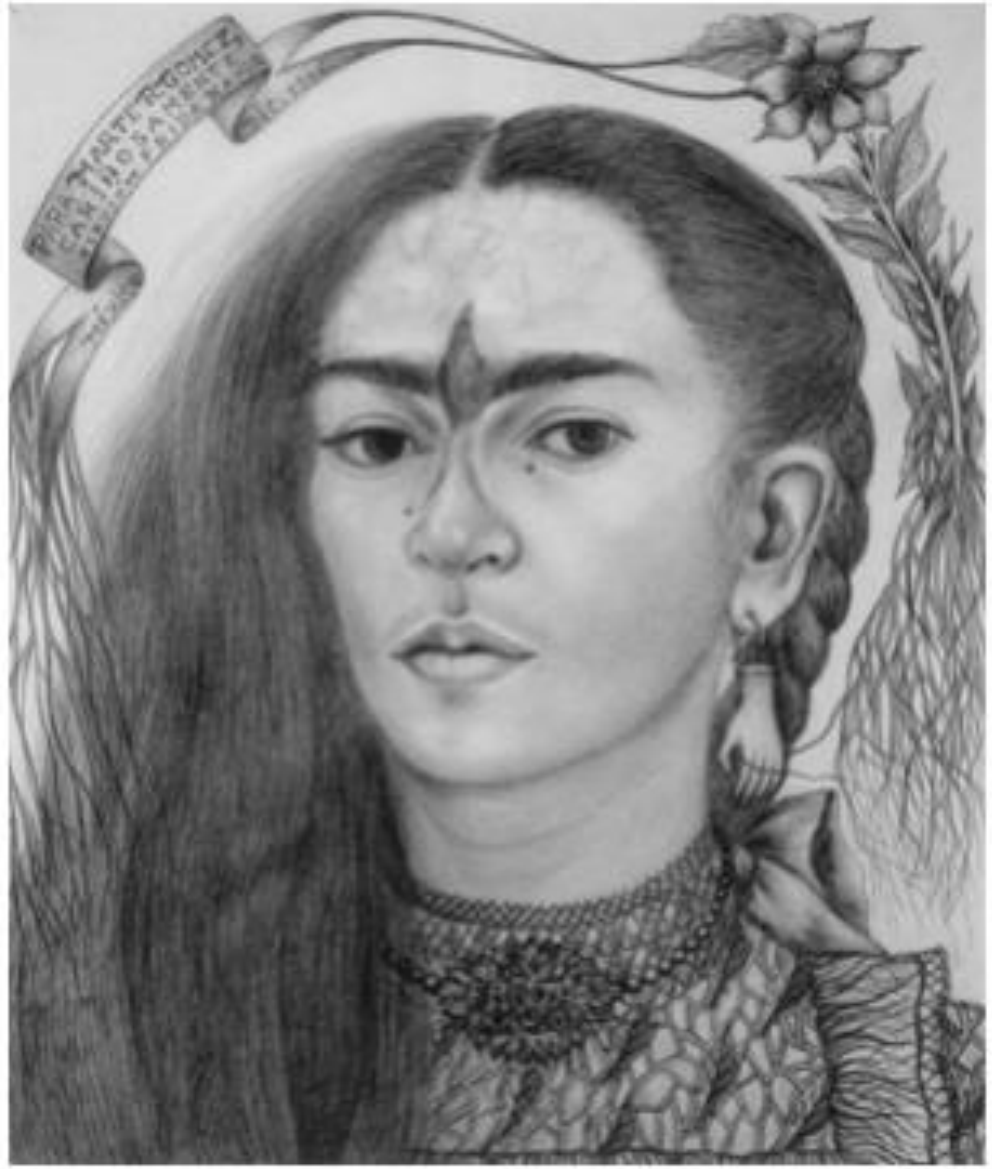


At ages 18, 25 & 90





Henri Matisse. 1937.



Frida Kahlo. 1946. Self portrait with Tears and Hummingbird.

Kiki Smith. 1994. Photogravure, etching and drypoint on paper.

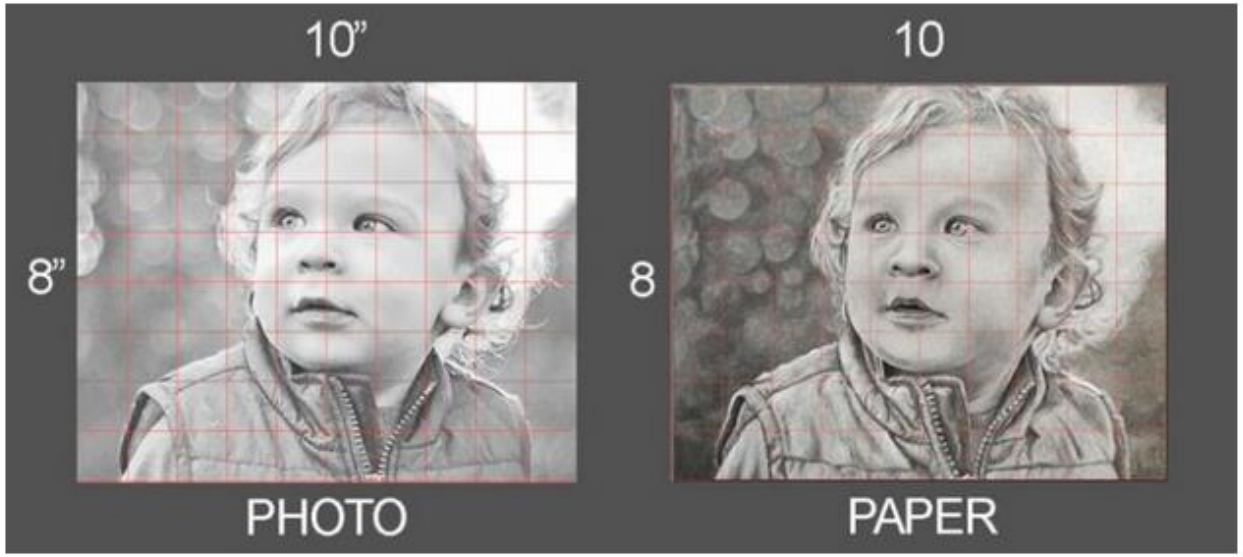
Lucian Freud. 1996.

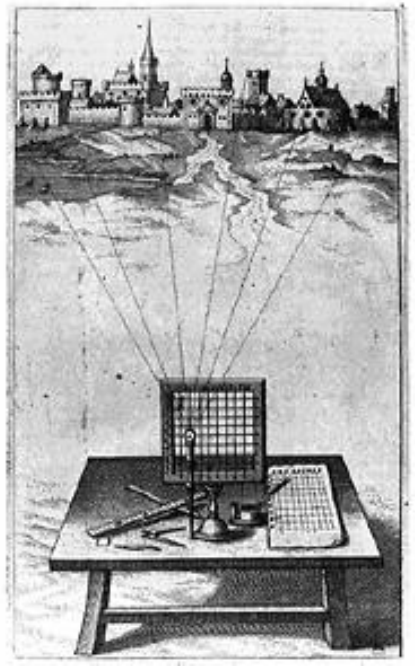
Frank Auerbach. 2001.

Margaret Olley - Portrait in the mirror 1948

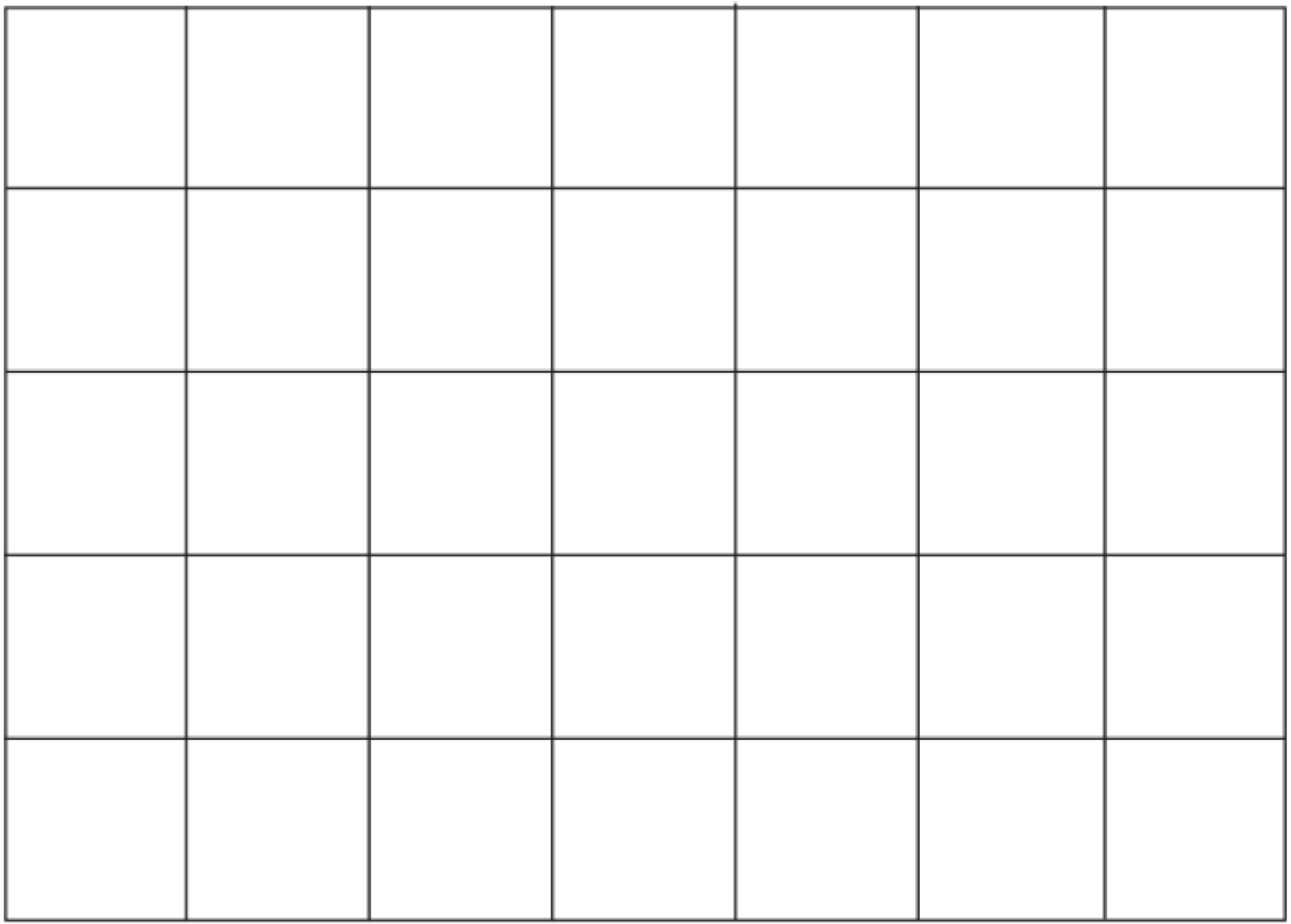
Grid Drawing Method - for drawing accuracy

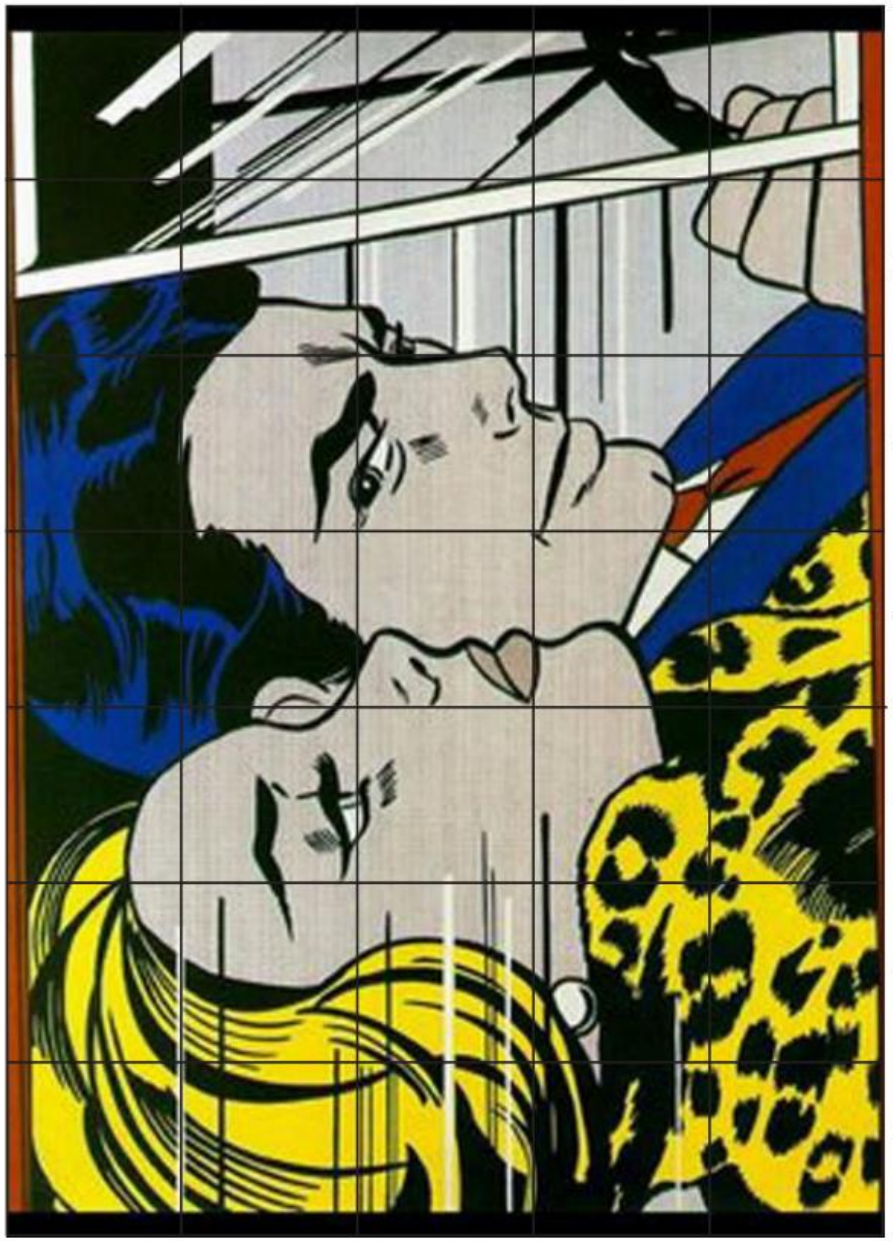
The grid method is an approach to drawing that breaks the subject down into “bite-sized” pieces of visual information. A grid is drawn over a photo while a proportional grid is drawn lightly on the drawing surface. Each square within the grid on the reference corresponds to a square on the drawing surface.

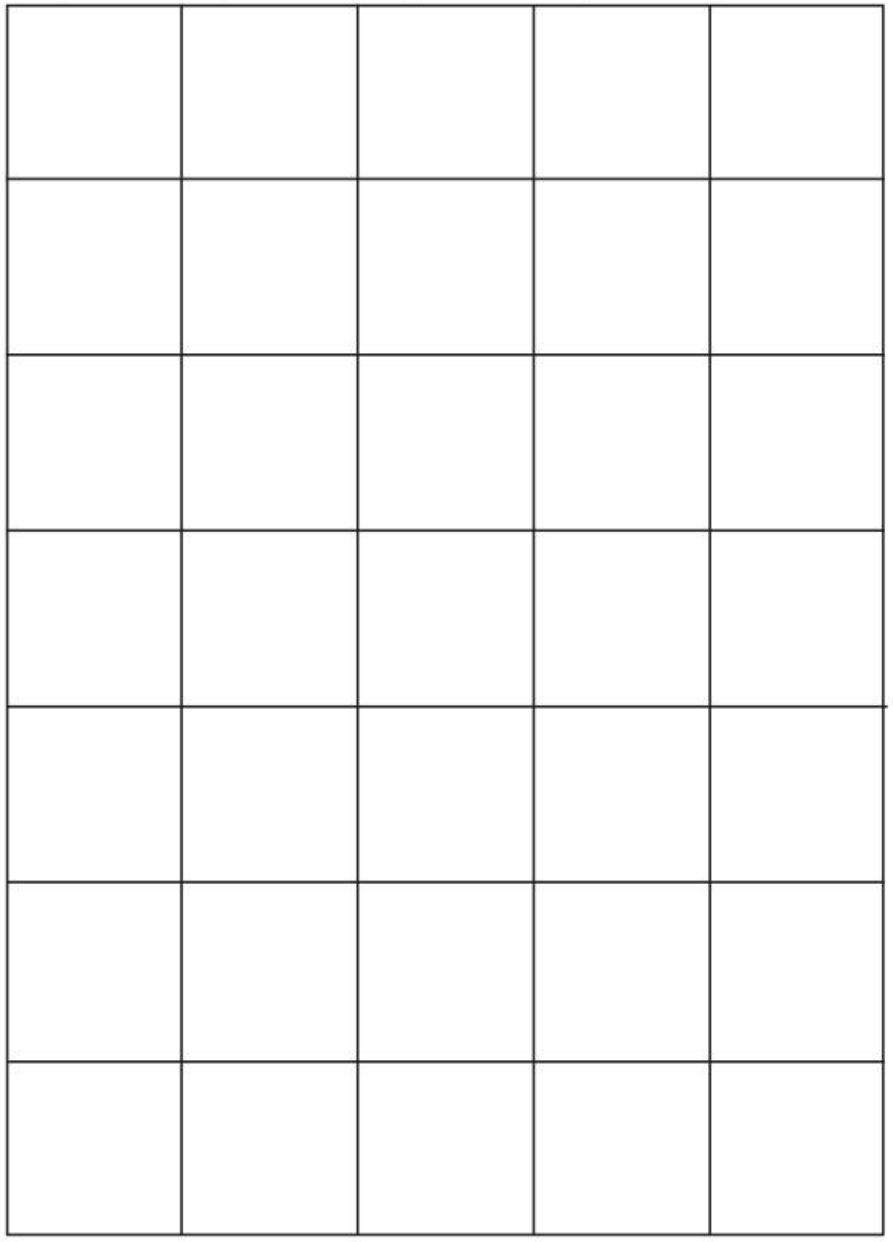




Printable Grid







Measuring – a Using grid method to transfer image

Roy Lichtenstein. In the Car. 1963

Homemade grid – working from reality

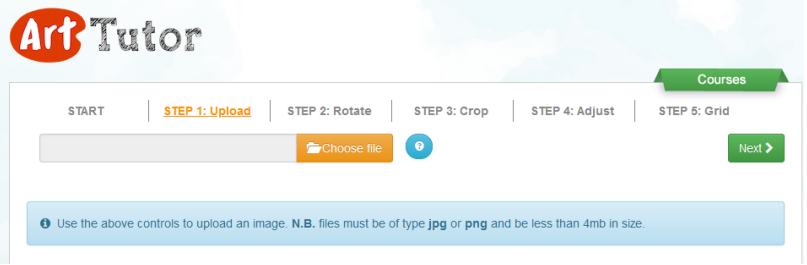
Cut a rectangle out of the middle of a piece of card (stock). Stretch a series of rubber bands across the aperture to form a grid - spacing them evenly.

Draw the same grid on your paper at the size you wish the drawing to be. Then position the grid so you can look through it at your subject.

Make sure you position the grid so that it lines up with the subject in exactly the same way every time you look through it.

How to draw using the grid method – watch

Drawing With the Grid Method:
A **Free Tool** to Make it Easier by ArtTutor
http://www.griddrawingtool.com/

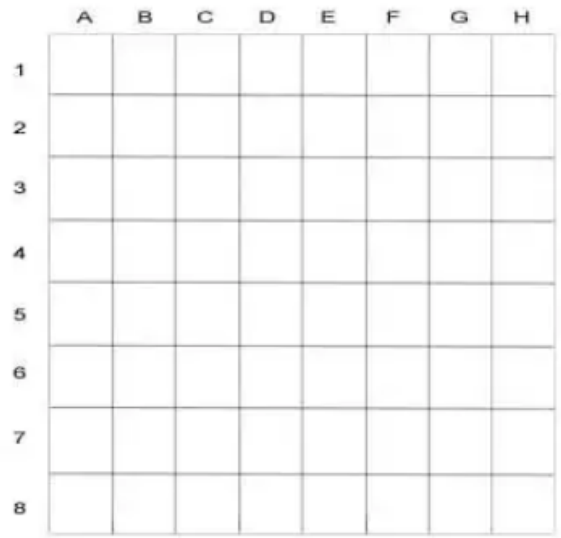


The grid method

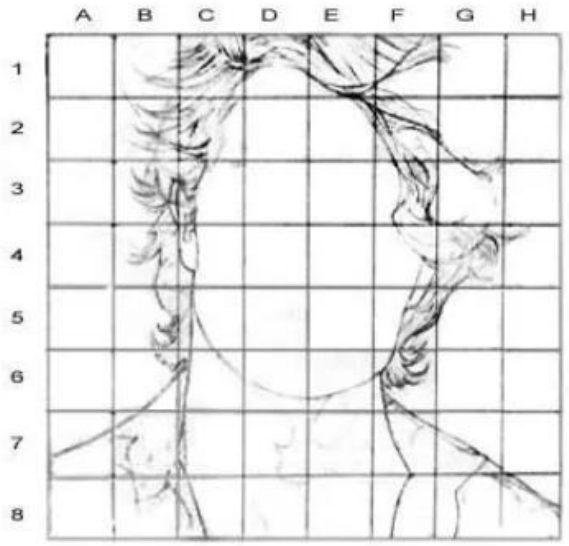
https://feltmagnet.com/drawing/Portrait-Drawing-for-the-Ultimate-Beginner-The-Grid-Method

1: Choose an image

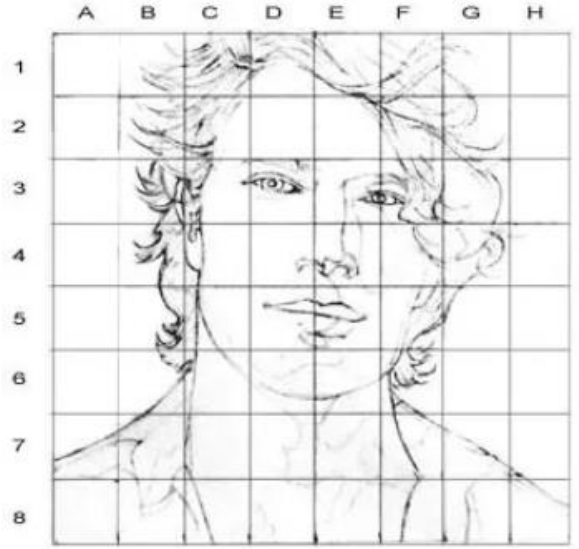
2: Draw grid lines



3: Draw a separate frame



4: Draw 1-2 squares at a time



4b: Finish filling in squares

5: Fill in lights & darks. Blend

Step 6: Erase the grid lines

Grid Method when working from a photograph

The grid method is one way to get the proportions and relative size of your subject right.

- Divide the photograph into a grid of squares and divide your paper into the same number of squares.
- Make the squares larger if you want your drawing to be larger than the photograph or smaller if you want it to be smaller.
- Copy the image onto your paper.
- If time, try another one. You might like to add colour

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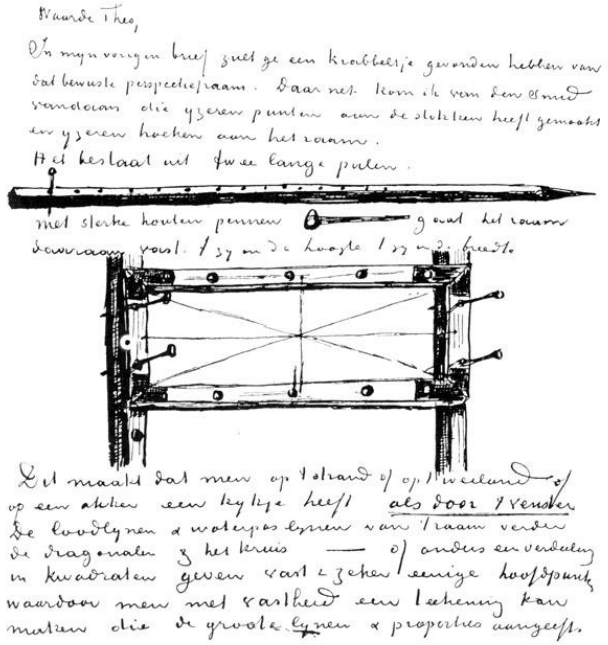
Grid Drawing Method used by the Old Masters

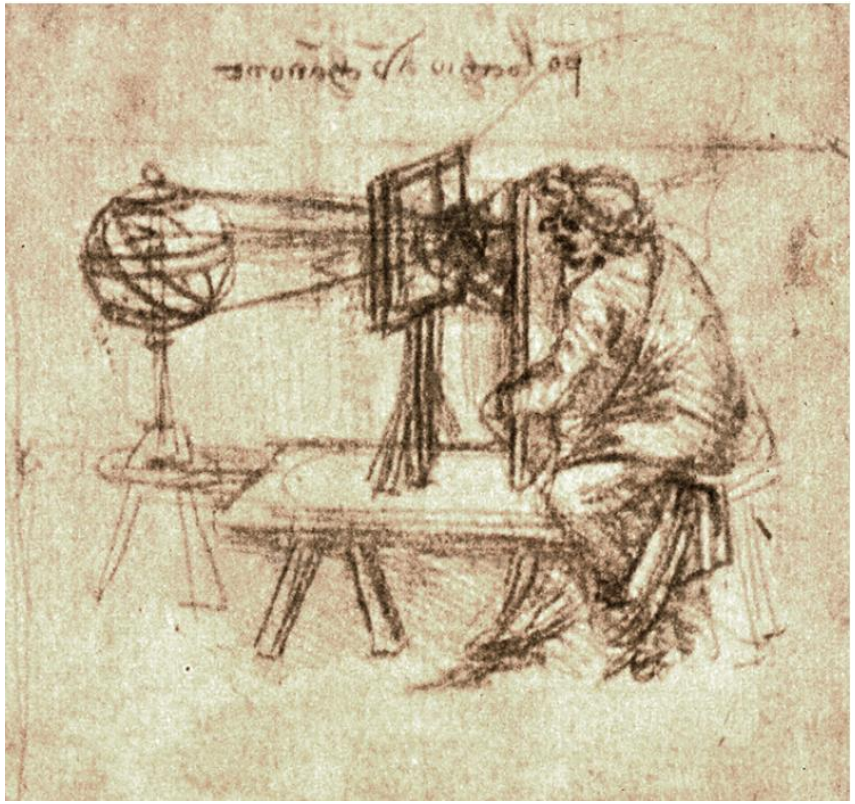
The grid drawing method has been used for drawing accuracy by artists for hundreds of years. Including:.

https://www.easy-drawing-lessons.com/grid-drawing-method.html



"Sketch by Vincent," Vincent van Gogh of a 'perspective frame' Letter to his brother Theo

Albrecht Durer



Sighting Grid Leonardo da Vinci Circa 1500

Was Leonardo da Vinci "a cheater"?

Homework Challenge:

Margaret Olley - Portrait in the mirror 1948
https://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/collection/works/454.2001/

Draw a self-portrait with object/s which have meaning for you.

This self-portrait by Margaret Olley may give ideas on objects you might like to include in your drawing.

3, 2, 1 Reflection
About my art practice this week

3 things I learned

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2 things I noticed about my art

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1 suggestion for my tutor

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