



## Practice Tools for Artists

**Use for Figure, Faces, Hands and Animal Studies**

Website: <https://line-of-action.com/>

### Figure study tool

Be aware: This tool uses NUDE models, both male and female, unless you turn this setting off.

#### 1. What do you want to draw?

Cover and Clothing:

☐ All Models ☐ Only Nude Models ☐ Only Covered Models

Include:

☐ Both ☐ Only Female Models ☐ Only Male Models

Your selections match 684 images.

### Faces & expressions tool

#### 1. What do you want to draw?

Expression:

- ☐ All
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Happy
- ☐ Sad
- ☐ Angry
- ☐ Surprised
- ☐ Goofy

Gender:

☐ Both ☐ Only Female Models ☐ Only Male Models

## Hands & feet tool

### 1. What do you want to draw?

Focus on:

☐ Both hands & feet   ☐ Hands   ☐ Feet

Gender:

☐ Both   ☐ Only Female Models   ☐ Only Male Models

Your selections match 710 images.

## Animals tool

### 1. What do you want to draw?

Category:

- ☐ All
- ☐ No Insects
- ☐ All mammals
- ☐ Feline
- ☐ Canine
- ☐ Equine & Other Hooved
- ☐ Birds
- ☐ Insects, Arachnids & Other Creepy Crawlies
- ☐ Reptiles & Amphibians
- ☐ Aquatic Animals
- ☐ Rodents
- ☐ Primates

Skeleton:

☐ Include skeletons   ☐ Only show live animals

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Your selections match 695 images.

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## **How to use these tools**

These tools are ideally suited for gesture drawing practice, but can be used with many styles of drawing practice.

Gesture drawings are works of art created in an extremely short amount of time, traditionally 30 seconds — and certainly no more than two minutes.

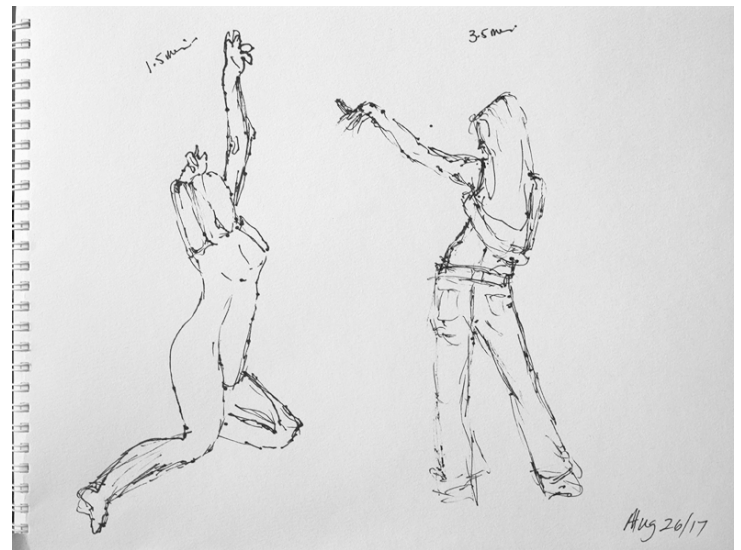
Why bother with drawing something in a time period so frustratingly short?

- One of the most common mistakes that artists make is getting too detailed too soon. This often leads to heavily rendered individual body parts that don't work as a whole – tiny hands, giant heads, disjointed hips, and so forth. But if you know you only have 30 seconds or less to try and capture the entire “essence” of a pose, your attention will naturally be drawn to the whole.
- By starting with short drawings and then slowly increasing the time available to you for each pose (as is the case in “class mode” with these tools), you can train yourself to start by working up a general picture before starting in on details. You will naturally stop focusing on any one place to the awkward exclusion of others.
- By starting each gesture drawing with a single stroke called the “line of action,” gesture drawings help artists to place emphasis on movement, action, and direction, which can be overlooked during a long drawing.
- Remember: the point is NOT to have a beautiful finished drawing in 30 seconds. In fact, it may not look like anything but a few arcing lines. The point is simply to train your brain to look at the entirety of a pose and understand the direction, energy or twists that make it interesting and alive.

Regular gesture drawing can be a fantastic way to increase your artistic skill. We recommend you start every day with at least five minutes of 30 second gesture drawings. Or, use it as a warm up to a longer work session. You will be amazed at the difference it makes.

# Using Line of Action for practicing doing quick and gestural sketches

30 seconds to 3.5 minute sketches done in ink. (9 x 12 sketchbook)



These 3 gestural sketches were each done in 30 seconds.



5 to 8 minute sketches done in charcoal  
(11 x 14 sketchbook)





## Super Sketchy - A fun and free procedural drawing tool.

Drawing with the Super Sketchy procedural drawing tool makes it easy for anyone to create works of art in minutes, even with no expertise or experience!

<http://super-sketchy.com/sketchy1.html>



Super sketchy is a free online procedural painting, drawing software that lets you create original works of art with 30 different procedural drawing brushes such as, Dark pencil, Light pencil, Inky sketch, shading, Fur, Ribbon, Dark mesh, Thick line, Curvy, Spiky, Lines, Circles, Squares, Rectangle grid and many more shapes. An example of what I came up with:



You can save your work as a **png** image.

Just right mouse on your image and choose

**Save Image As...**

It's fun - Give it a try...who knows what ideas you may come up with that could be incorporated into your artwork.

## Circle Line Art School with Tom McPherson

His aim is to inspire people to learn to draw and be more creative. There are many ways to draw and his aim is to encourage you to try a range of different art techniques and subject matter each week.

Tom specializes in Perspective drawing:

- Buildings
- Landscapes
- Optical Illusions
- People
- Objects

There are currently over 300 How-to-Draw art videos on the Circle Line Art School YouTube channel.

### Lesson Samples:

