



# BUILDING NEW SKILLS: BASIC DRAWING EXERCISES

## Drawing Exercise 4

Practice will  
develop your  
drawing skills

- Think of drawing exercises as warm-ups and drills.
- Just as you get better at basketball with practice and repetition of basic skills, so too with drawing.
- The more you practice making marks, the more you will naturally understand what your hand and pencil can do.

# Practice 4: Learning to Draw Lightly

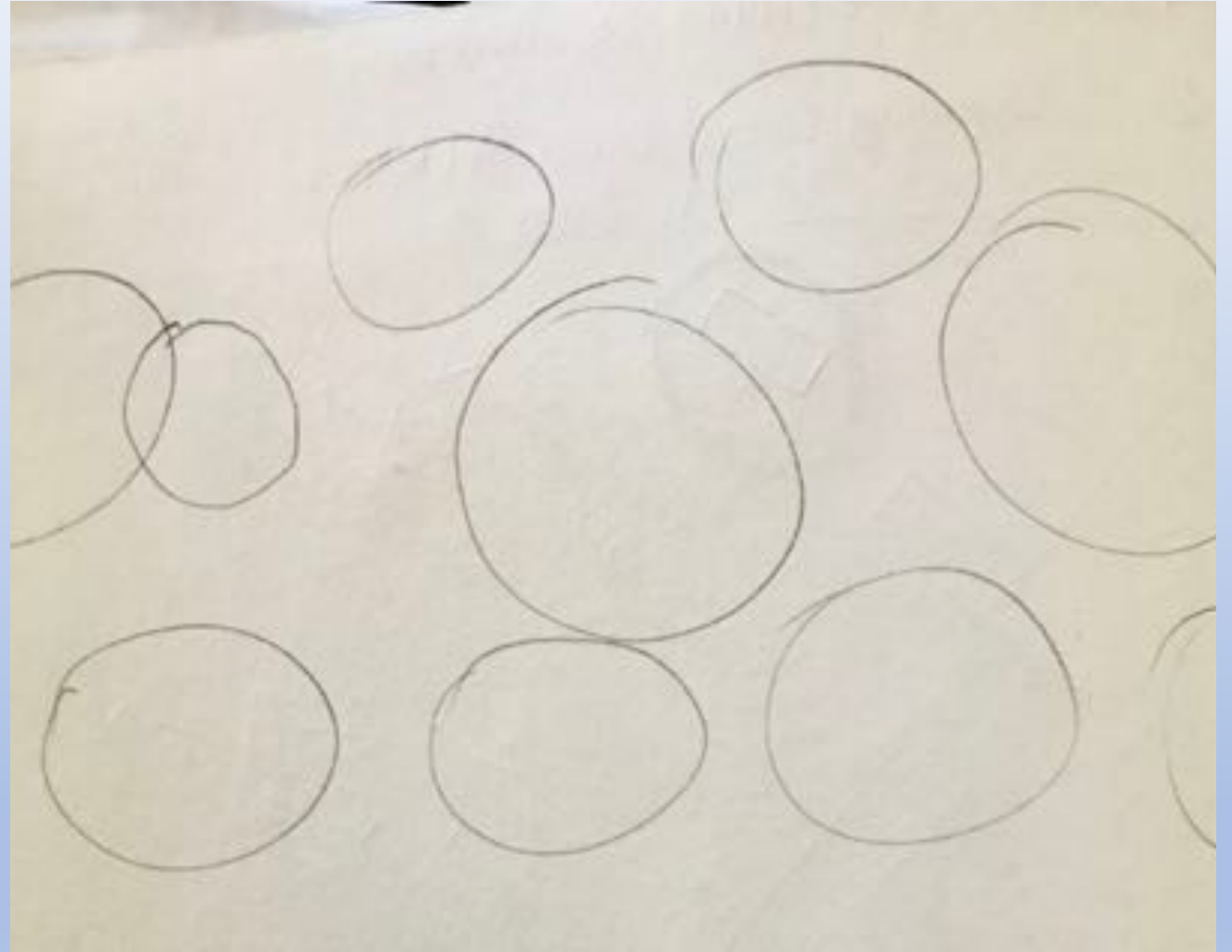
- Learning to draw lightly is a skill we can develop with a little practice.
- The energy behind this kind of drawing will be used again and again in observational drawing.
- Using one journal page, get ready to warm up!

## Practice 4

### Learning to Draw Lightly

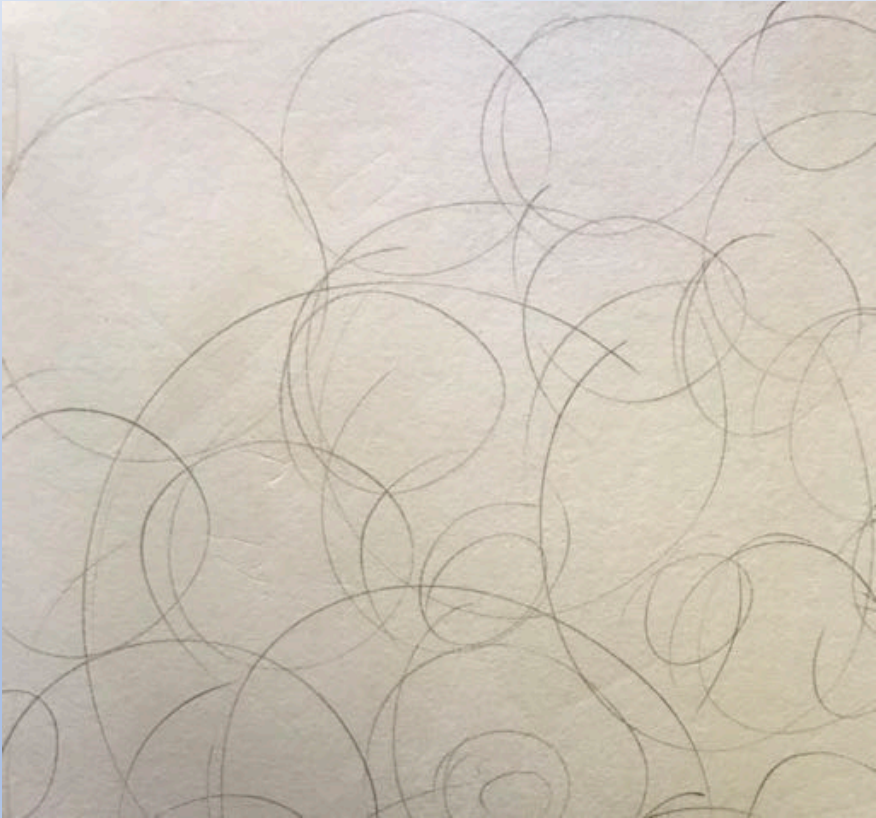
Use the following sequence as a **warm-up** to drawing.

1. Start by loosening up. Relax your shoulders, arm and hand. And draw a circle on your paper.
2. Drop your shoulders, unclench your jaw, loosen up on your pencil grip and move your pencil grip back a little.
3. When you draw, move your whole arm, not just the fingers. Draw another circle, then another.





## Practice 4: Learning to Draw Lightly



- **Now lighten up!**

- Draw a circle as lightly as you can.
- Now see if you can draw one that is even lighter.
- Fill the whole page with the lightest circles your pencil can make.
- Now speed it up. Keep the lines loose and light, but this time the goal is to also make them fast.
- Make a series of overlapping circles, scribbles, and flowing lines.

Bye for Now. Thanks for Joining Me.

