



# BUILDING NEW SKILLS: BASIC DRAWING EXERCISES

Drawing Exercise 7

Practice will  
develop your  
drawing skills

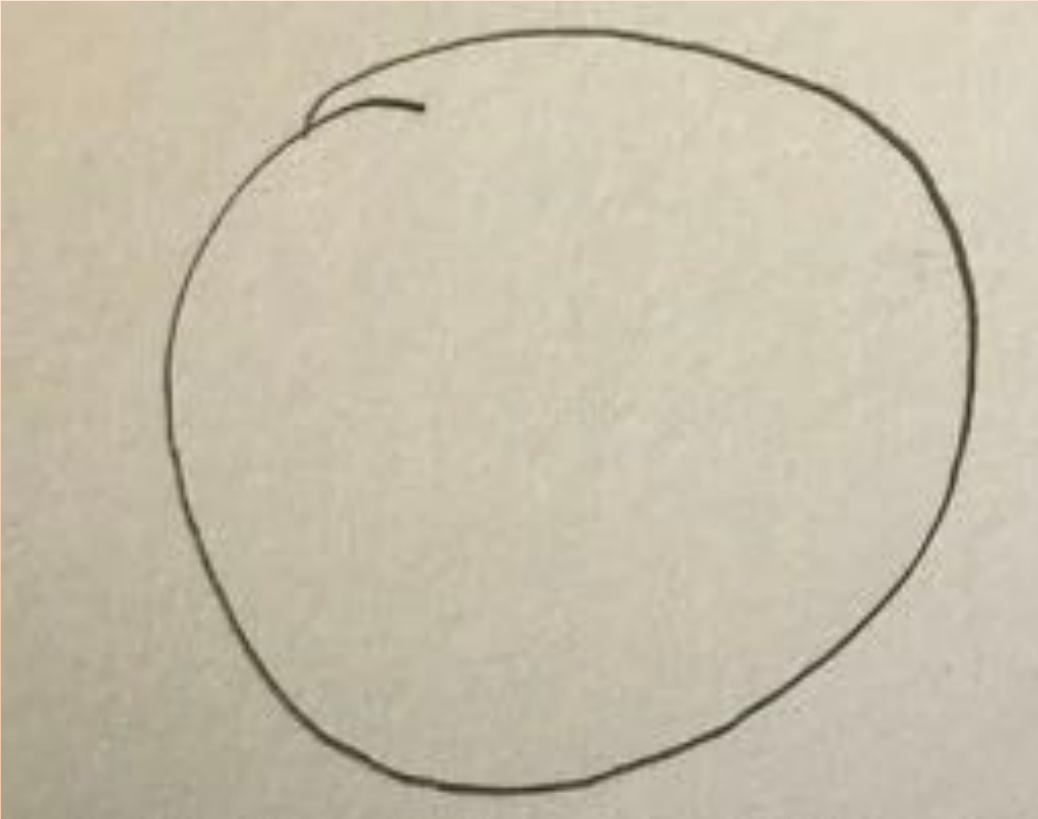
- Think of drawing exercises as warm-ups and drills.
- Just as you get better at basketball with practice and repetition of basic skills, so too with drawing.
- The more you practice making marks, the more you will naturally understand what your hand and pencil can do.



A red wax or charcoal drawing of a reclining figure, possibly a woman, with the text "Practice 7: Gesture Drawing" overlaid in the center. The drawing is executed with bold, expressive lines, capturing the overall form and movement of the subject. The figure is lying down, with one arm raised and the other resting near the head. The background is a light, textured surface, possibly paper or canvas. The text is centered horizontally and vertically, rendered in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

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- Would you like to draw the perfect circle?
- Draw a circle with ONE clean line right now.
- Your circle is probably lopsided or uneven. Drawing a circle this way is hard.

# Practice 7: Gesture Drawing

Let's try an easier way

- Lightly and loosely draw a circle. It's OK if it's a little lopsided.
- Now, without erasing, draw over it, correcting some of the imperfections with continued light lines.
- Overlap five or more circles, slowly correcting the roundness.
- Your brain will gravitate toward the right lines, As it does, you can press a little harder, reinforcing the lines you want to keep. Watch a perfect circle emerge from the page!

## Practice 7: Gesture Drawing

- The key is to begin lightly, make lots of lines, and reinforce those that seem to be most accurate.
- By keeping it light, you let your brain sort between several possibilities as you carve into or add to your original shape.
- If you start with bold, hard lines you will feel committed to those lines even if they're wrong. Use this approach with starting any object.

If you try to draw a circle with one crisp line, it is easy to get a lopsided shape.

Instead, start with a light circle and continue to draw over it, adding lines and curves to correct your mistakes. Reinforce the lines that you like the best.





## Practice 7: Gesture Drawing

- Notice the many light lines used until the shape was correct.
- Then the bold lines drawn over the correct lines.

Bye for Now. Thanks for Joining Me.

