



BUILDING NEW SKILLS: BASIC DRAWING EXERCISES

Drawing Exercise 6

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 6 Learning to Use Negative Shapes

- Negative shapes are the shapes that occur between the objects we are drawing. In approaching a subject such as a skull, you would probably focus on the shape of the upper and lower jaws.
- The negative shape is the shape of the empty space between the upper and lower jaws. The jaws have height, width, and angles, as does the negative space.
- By drawing the negative space as an actual shape, you may discover that you drew the jaws too close together or too far apart.

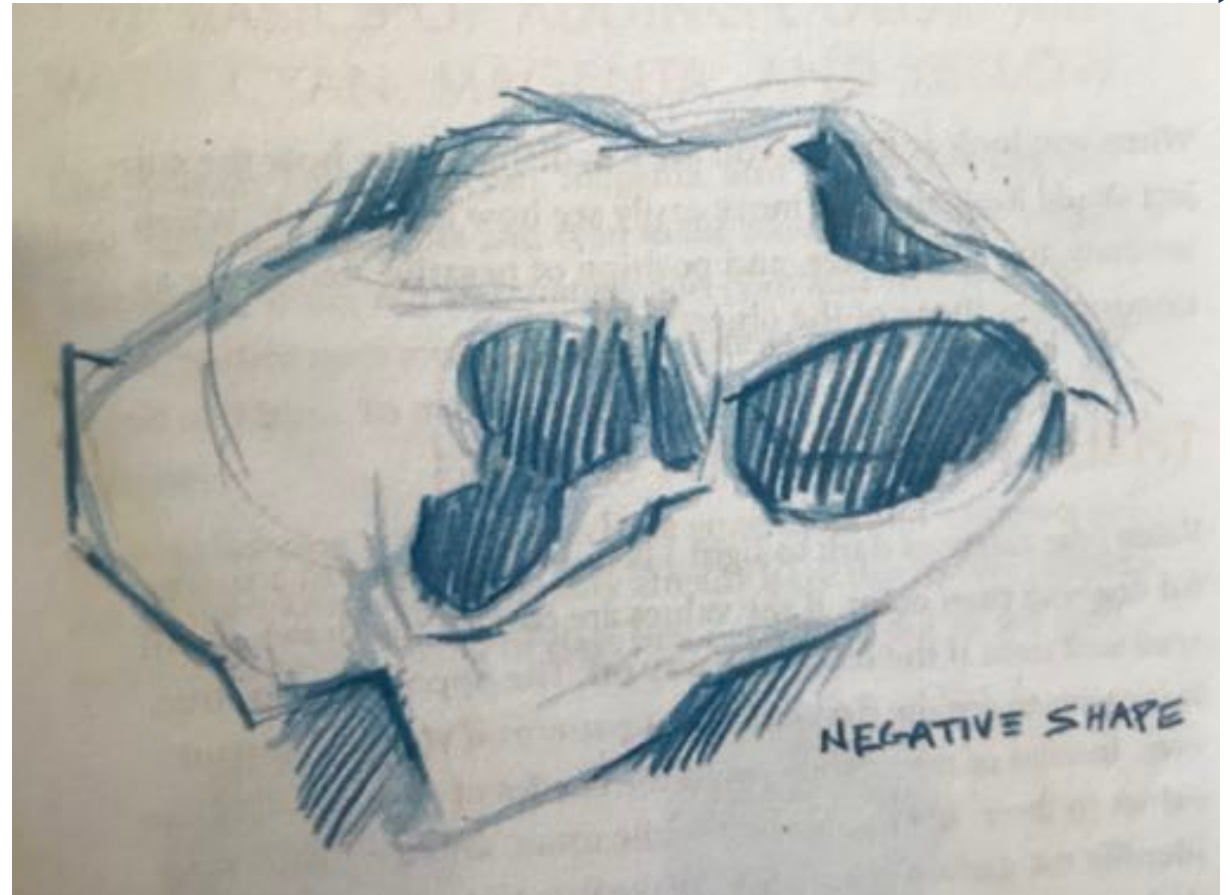
Practice 6: Negative Space



- If your negative space does not fit, don't ignore it and move on. You will have found a valuable indication that something is off with your proportion.
- Find out what is wrong and fix these errors before continuing to draw. Using negative space is one of the most powerful but underused tricks in the artist's tool kit.

Exercise 6: Negative Space

1. Use the object you used for contour drawing.
2. Sketch it again, this time using both contours AND negative space.



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