

LET'S MAKE ART IN JOURNALS

Plein air

A French term that means "in the open air", plein air painting is a method of sketching or painting landscapes outdoors. The goal is to capture the ever-changing play of light and color in the landscape, and artists often rely on direct observation of colors. Plein air painting has been around for centuries, but was popularized by French Impressionists in the 1860s.

Nature journaling

A more accessible practice that doesn't require artistic skill, nature journaling involves documenting outdoor adventures through a combination of writing, sketches, and colors. The focus is on observing, questioning, and reflecting, and can help you develop a deeper appreciation for nature. You can use your journal to record your observations, such as the shape of leaves, animal behavior, or landscape patterns. You can also include ink sketches, watercolor paintings, or drawn maps.

Urban sketching

This relatively new journalistic movement involves using any medium, along with text, to tell the story of locations, both indoor and outdoor, that an artist has experienced. Urban sketchers often use portable mediums like pen and watercolors, but they may also use markers, colored pencils, or no colors at all. Urban sketches are often quick and casual, and may not be finished works of art, but rather a reminder of an event or the effect of light and atmosphere.

DRAWING TIPS:

DRAW LIGHT UNTIL YOU KNOW ITS RIGHT

Plein Air

find something to draw use a viewfinder
composition - rule of thirds
grid format for proportions
app with colors **colorviewfinder for iphone**

Nature Journaling

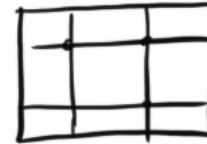
outside
lettering / writing / documenting
layouts
app to look up what you are looking at (photos)

Urban Sketching

inside / outside
lettering
layouts
people / cars / food

COMPOSITION IDEAS

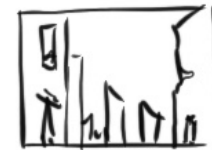
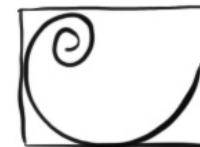
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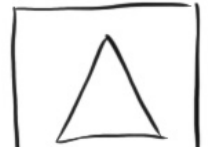
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