

Learning To Be An Artist

When I was a little girl, spending time with my Gram was very special to me. My Gram liked to bake and loved to tend to her flower garden. Usually I would day dream while Gram tended to her flowers, but she would call me over and show me things. She would point out the tiny insects waltzing around her blossoms. She would point out the smallest details on her plants. Although my Gram didn't know it, she was training me to be an artist. She was teaching me to see the world around me. She would say that most grown-ups go through life without noticing little things. Learning to see the world is how we learn to draw.

Paying attention to details is very important for artists. Practicing drawing is important too! I used to draw a lot of cartoon characters when I was young. This practice helped me to notice shapes. Circles, triangles and ovals, as well as letter shapes. I learned that if I could create simple shapes and letters I could draw things.

Look at the step by step drawing of a cat. Notice the "v" shapes for the nose, ears and fur on the face. The eyes are oval shaped with "v" shapes on the ends. Follow the steps and create your own cat face. Practice it several times looking for shapes. When your drawing is completed, color your kitty with markers or crayons! Have fun!

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Let's Draw A Cat!

