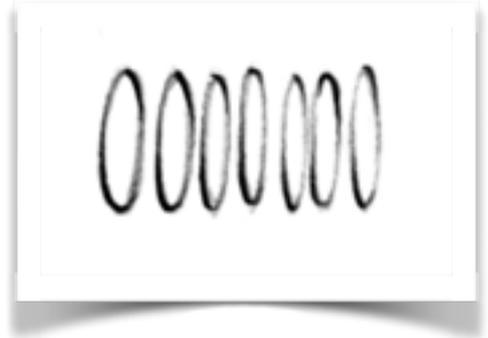


Homework Sheet | Drawing Lines

This week we are going to establish confidence in your line work. Keep your exercise sheets to see if you can see an improvement over the next 5 days. You will not very much like this exercise, as it is a bit boring. But it will not only help to control your line work, but teaches you discipline when it comes to taking time for drawing on a regular basis. So please trust and stay with me. This exercise works only if you keep strict to the timeline

What You Need:

- Paper A3 or larger
- Graphite pencils



What You Do:

1. Set aside 2x 5 minutes per day for 4 days this week and another day where you should take 10 minutes to complete your homework.
2. On the first day you will be drawing only straight lines. By doing this don't use your wrist at all. Your wrist should be totally locked in, as I have shown in class.
3. Place your paper in portrait format in front of you. Use either an easel or rather stand up for this exercise, as you will not be allowed to put your hand onto the paper.
4. Draw straight lines out of the air onto your paper, for a whole 5 minutes. You can even close your eyes and think of "straight" in your mind. You will be amazed how much this helps to keep your aligned. If you can make it for longer, the better. Draw both, horizontal and vertical lines.
5. On the second day you do exactly the same, but this time you try to draw the lines nicely in equal spaces to each other. Again horizontal and vertical lines. Use keep some speed while doing it.
6. The third day you should go over to draw wavy lines right next to each other, again equally spaced.
7. On the fourth day you will change your line work to circles. All size circles all over the page. In between draw just one circle and continuously draw around the same circle again and again. You will learn where your weak spot will be.
8. On the last day take 10 minutes to do your circles and lines together. Try to work for the first 5 minutes in a very quick way. A little bit quicker then comfortable. And then drop your speed to controlled lines and circles.

If you made it through this homework, I can really congratulate you; it is not a very exciting exercise and needs a lot determination. Hopefully you have already improved your line work quiet dramatically this week.