



Studio Sunday July 2018 Activity Graphite Pencil Sketches

Trace the shadows of your hand gestures with a focus on the negative area to make theatrical drawings, inspired Tom Marioni's work now on view in Summer Nocturne: Works on Paper from the 1970s.



For this project, you will need:

- Colored drawing paper
- Graphite pencil

Let's begin!

1. Choose a colored drawing paper as your canvas.
2. Rest your hand or cast a shadow on the paper.
3. Using the graphite pencil, trace a light outline of your hand.
4. Use graphite to fill in the negative space around your hand.
5. A cross hatching technique adds layer and definition.
6. Enjoy your work!

Tips & Tricks

- What different shapes and shadows can you cast on the paper with your hands and fingers to create a unique design on your paper?
- Try using different techniques to fill in the negative space around your hand! How does filling in the negative space make the outline of your hand stand out?
- Try creating a series of shadow drawings! Maybe you will create a series with different colored backgrounds or maybe you will use all the same colored paper.
- See what happens when you trace your shadow in different types of light! Can you notice a difference in finding your shadow in different light?



