



SHADOW DRAWING

Start Your Drawing By Drawing A Shadow Of An Object.

Place your object here.

Place this side of paper
towards the sun or light.

1. Pick an relatively small object with some fine details that can be exaggerated.
2. Arrange your light and object so that you get a shadow that exaggerates the outline of your object.
3. Direct sunlight works great but so does a cell phone flashlight placed at an angle just above your object. Move your object to adjust the shadow.
4. Trace the outline of the shadow and the places where your object makes contact with the paper.

5. If you find tracing around the object to be tricky, like the legs on the dinosaur toy above. Just leave gaps where it's tough to trace and connect the lines later.

6. With the tracing done remove the object and look closely at your new shape, do you still see aspects of the original object? Or has it transformed into something completely different in your mind's eye?

7. Let your imagination take over and draw what you see in the shadow.

The tendency for people to see other objects in abstract shapes is called 'pareidolia' (pare-eye-dole-ee-a).

Like when you see animals outlined in the shapes of clouds.