

Living on the Edge

Contour, Blind Contour and Cross Contours



When we look at something, we do not see outlines— we see **edges**.

Today we will study those edges, using a technique called **contour drawing**.

In a contour drawing, all detail is communicated through **line only**.

There is no shading.

Contour lines should **not** be “sketchy.”

They should **accurately follow the surface** of the object.

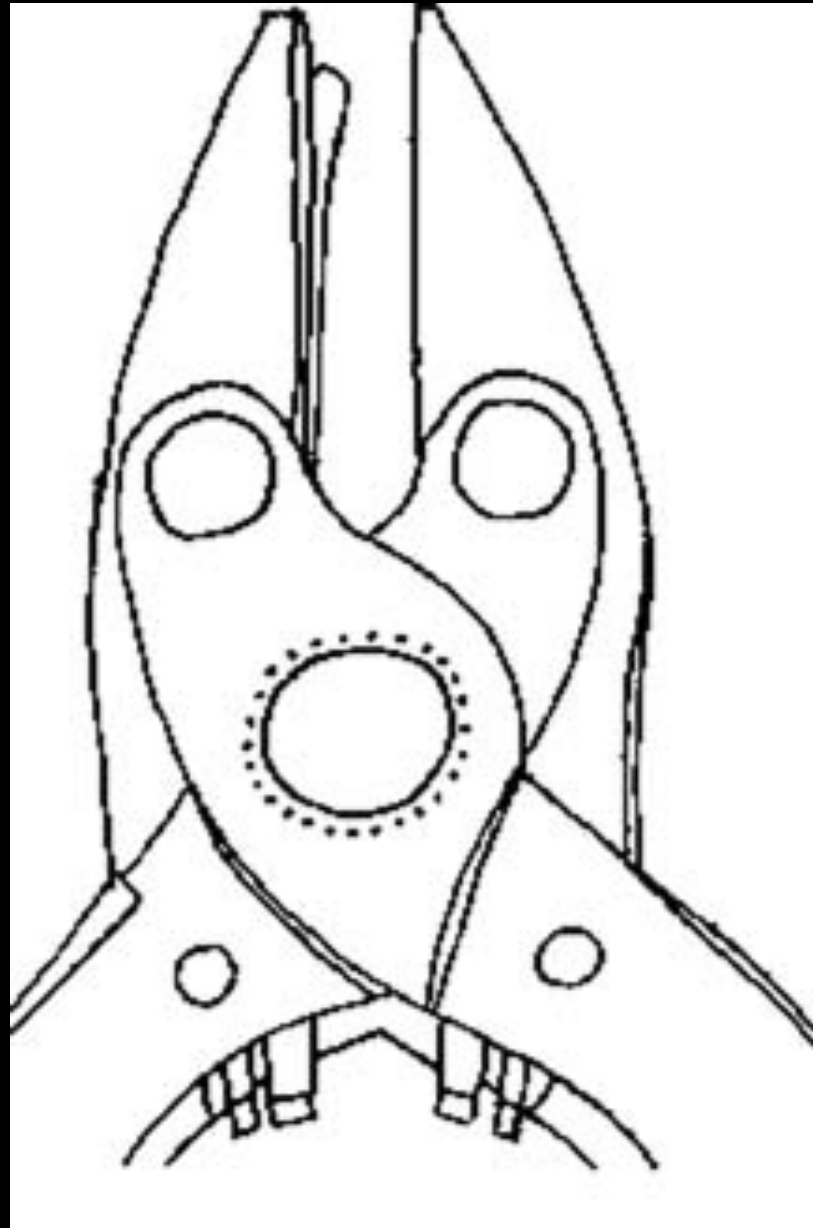


This is a contour line.



This is NOT a contour line.

(Unless you're drawing a furry animal.)









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GOING OUT FOR BUSINESS
EVERYTHING MUST GO

ANY ONE
WATCH
\$5.00

EGYPTIAN
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THE ARM OF
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WATCHING

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NEARLY A
MUSCLE

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55% POLYESTER
45% WOOL

WEIRD
THOUGHTS

BASEBALL
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HAIR GEL

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OUCH!

DRIPS

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BANANA

100%
COTTON

OUCH!

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OUCH!

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FOR THOSE FEW
WITHOUT
CELL-PHONES

PHONE

Voila!
INSTANT
SHEEP
PIE.

RELIGION

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OR IS IT ALL
JUST INK
ON A PIECE
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DOUBLE CROWN
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PANTY NESS!
BASEBALL CAP OF HIS YOUTH
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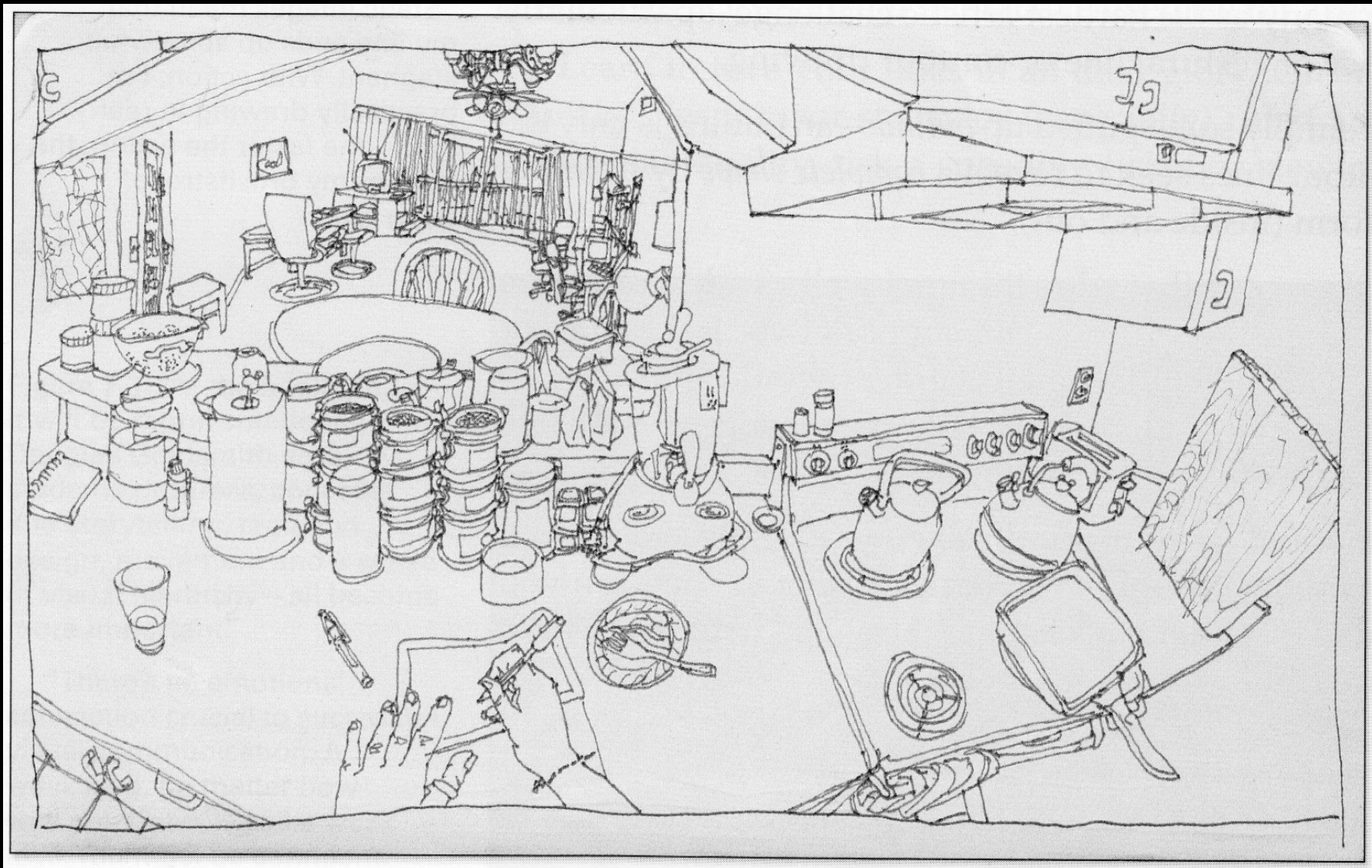
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APARTMENTS THAT COST A SURPRISINGLY LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO RENT
THE DRIFTING SONGS OF DEAD TAXI DRIVERS
DIRTY WINDOW
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HAIR GEL
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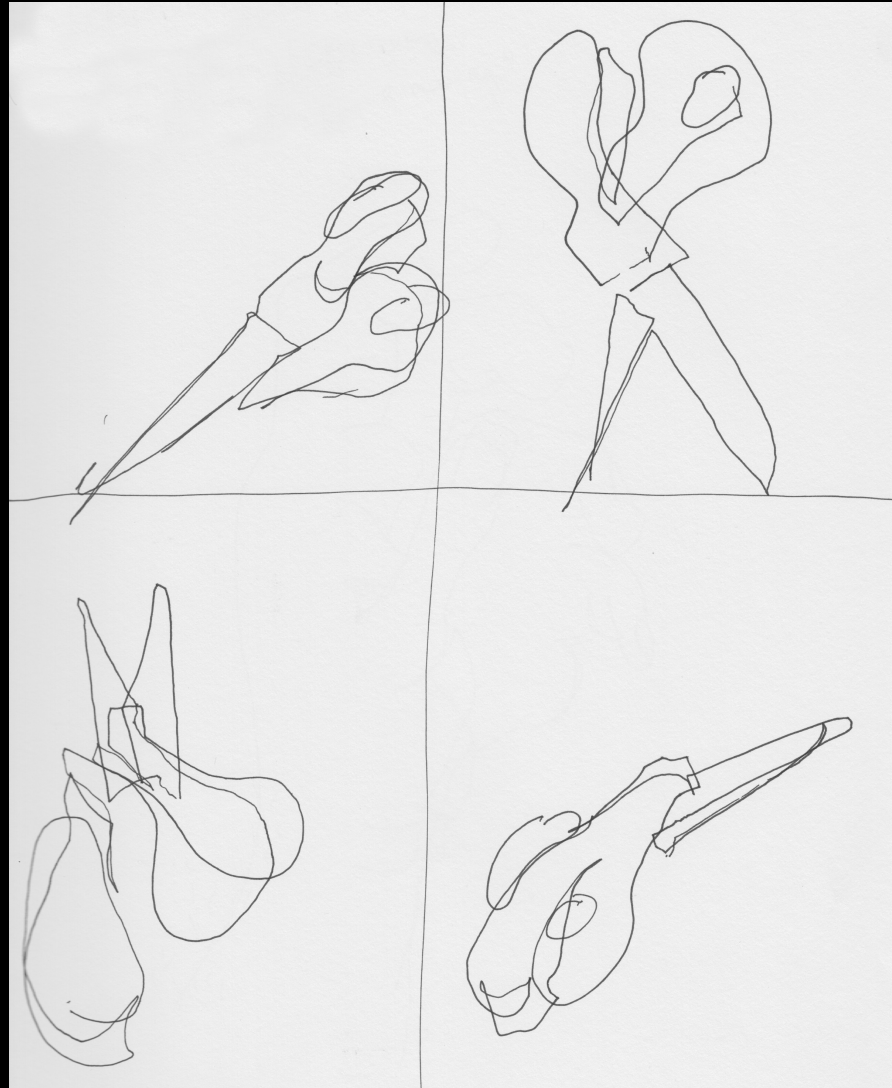
We will practice two contour drawing techniques in class today:

Blind Contour Drawing

**Semi-blind Contour
Drawing**

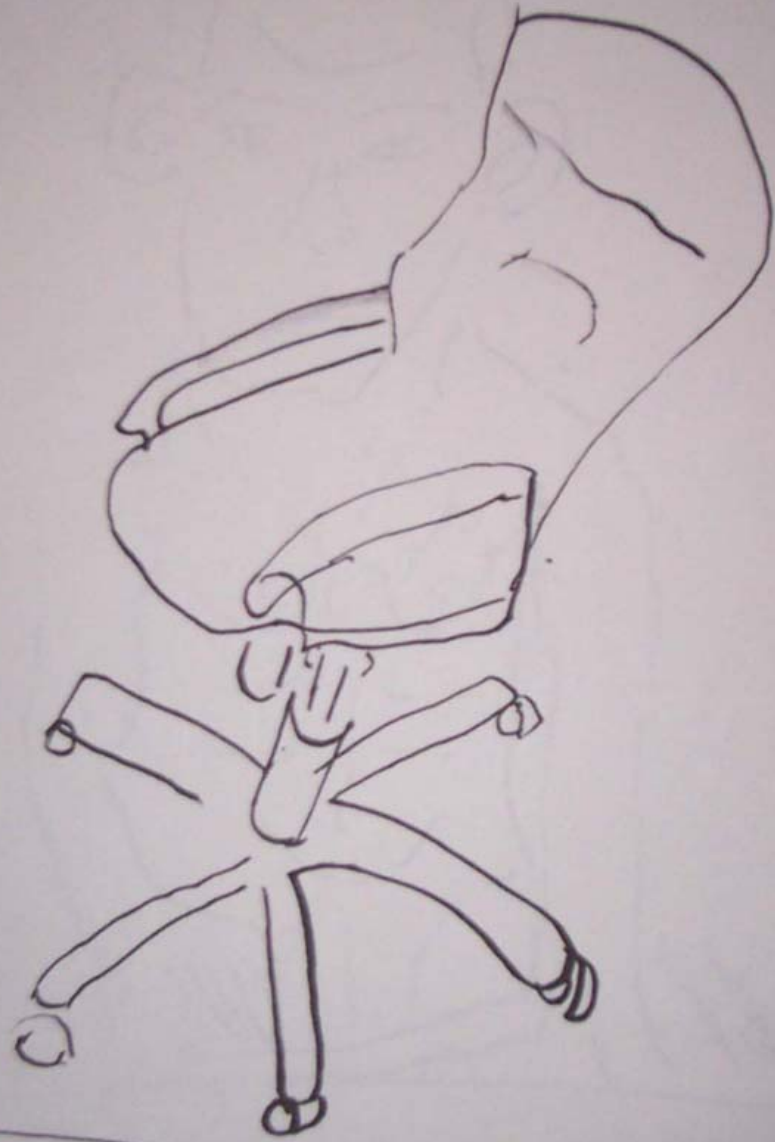
Remember that contour line drawings contain **NO SHADING!**

Blind contour drawing is a technique in which the subject is drawn without looking at the paper.

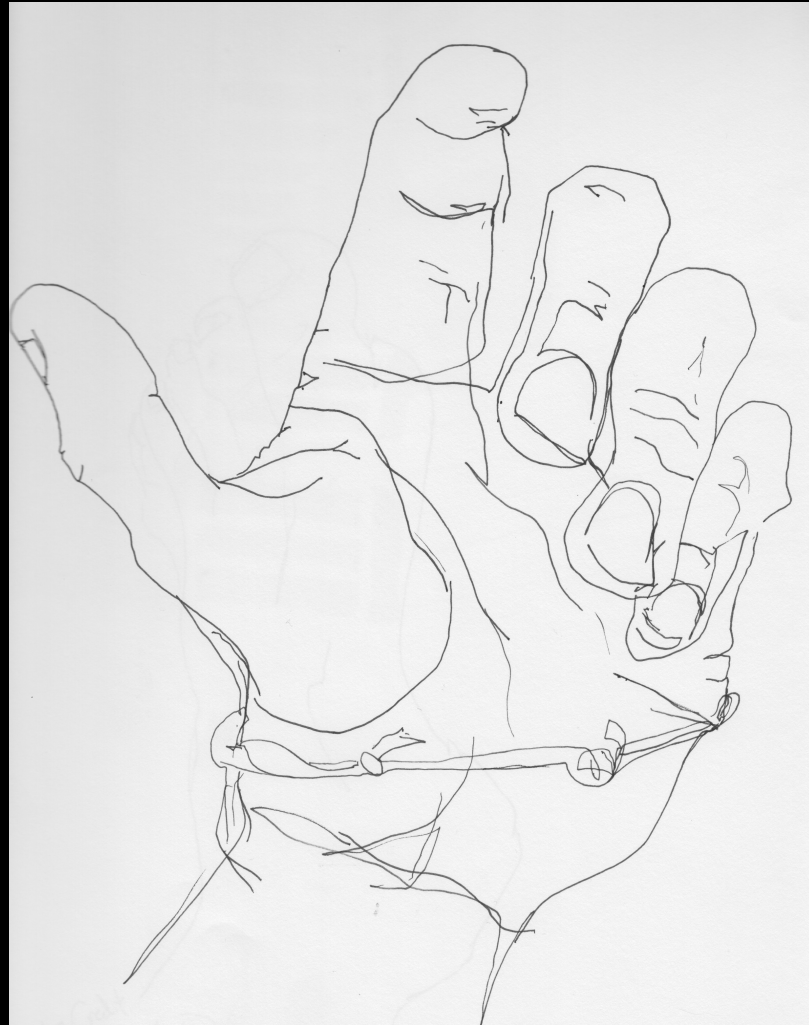


Semi-blind contour drawing is a technique in which the subject is drawn with the artist glancing **occasionally** at the paper to check the progress of the drawing.

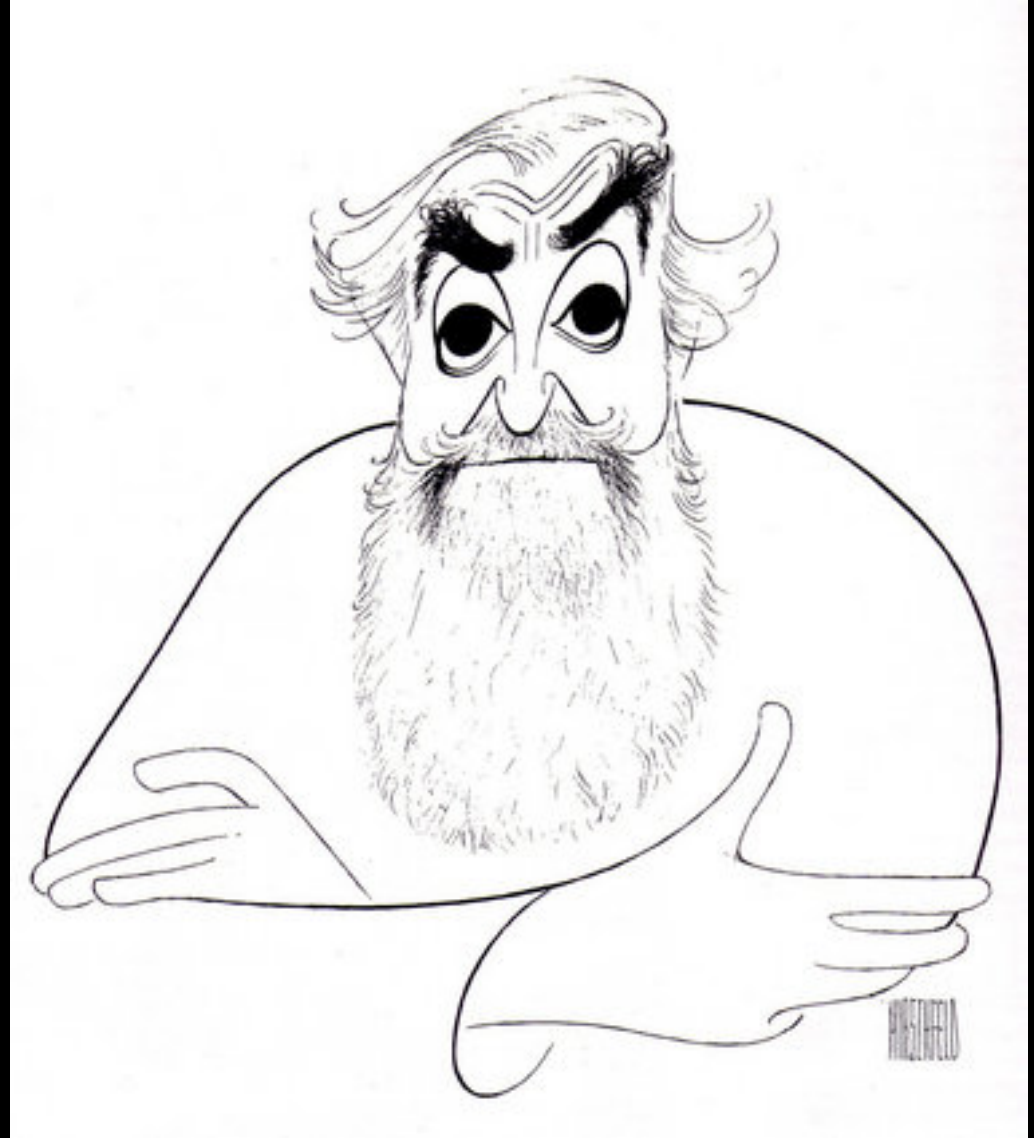
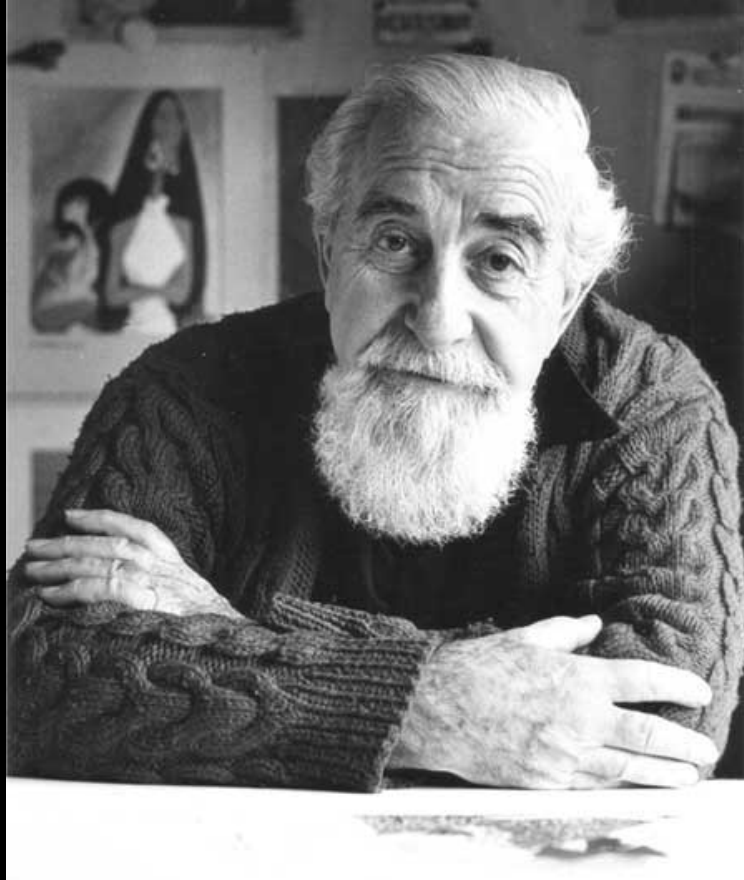




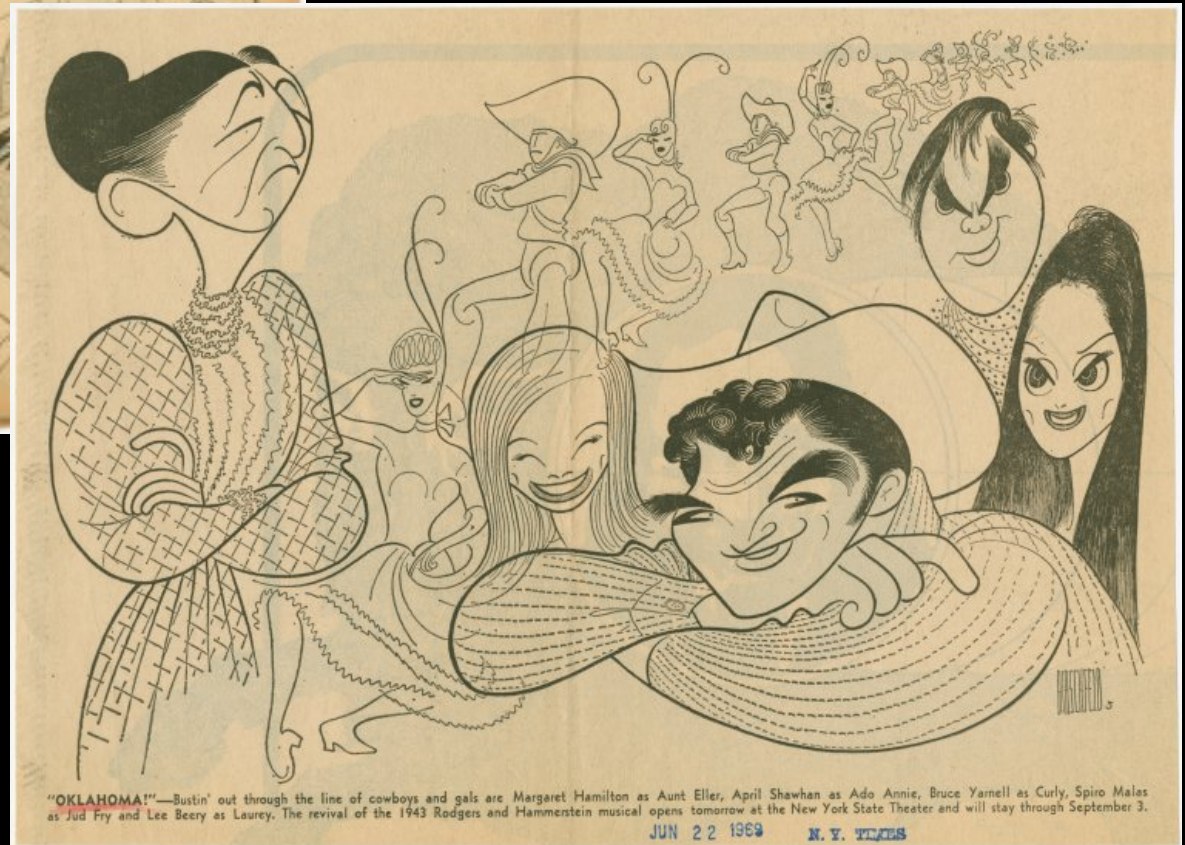
Remember: You can stop drawing to glance back at your paper to check your progress, but you should not draw again until you look away.



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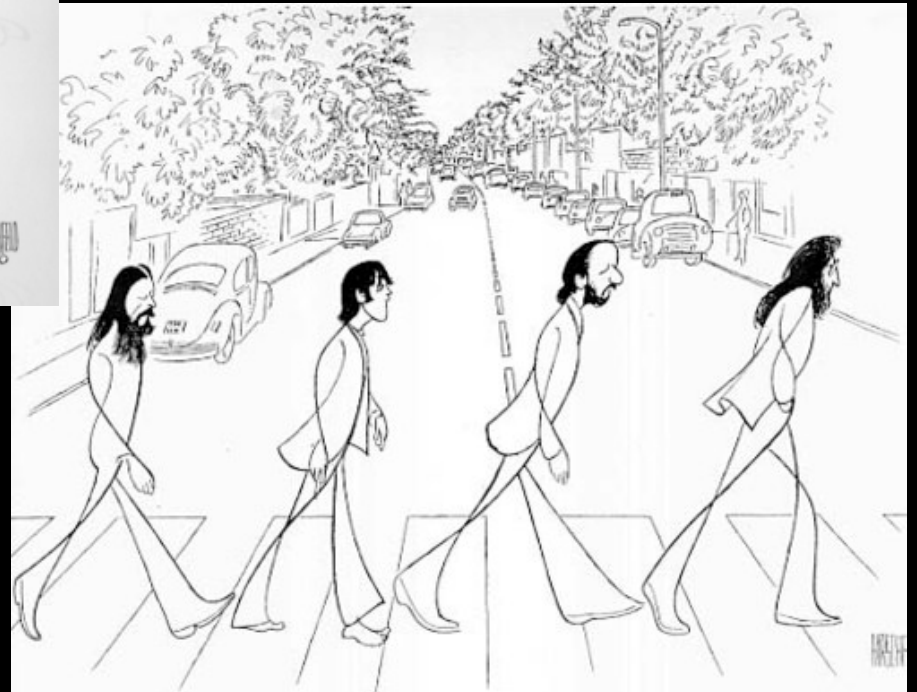
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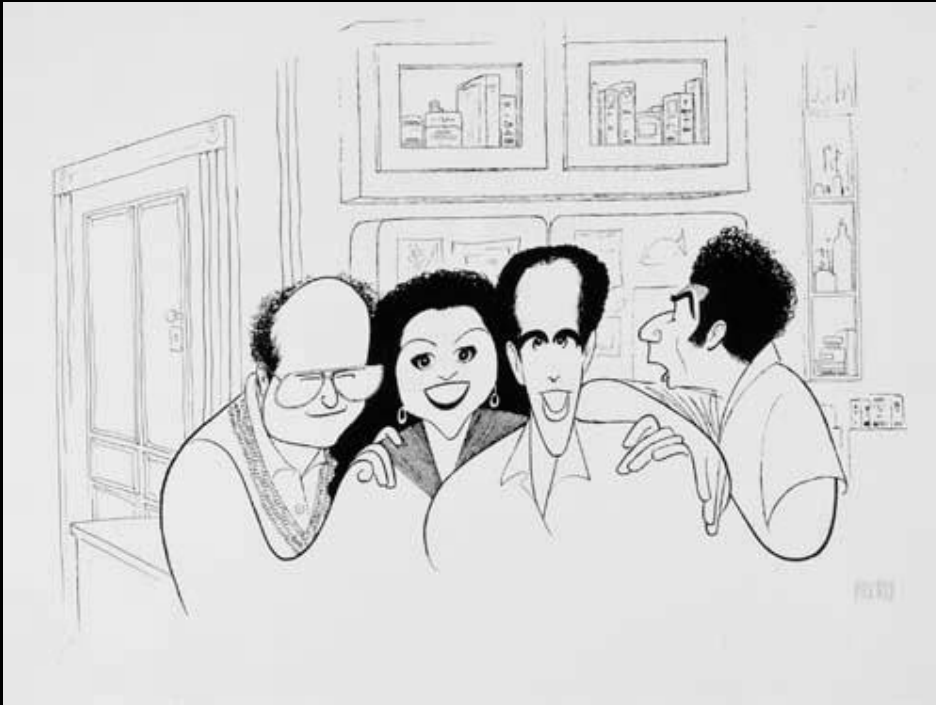
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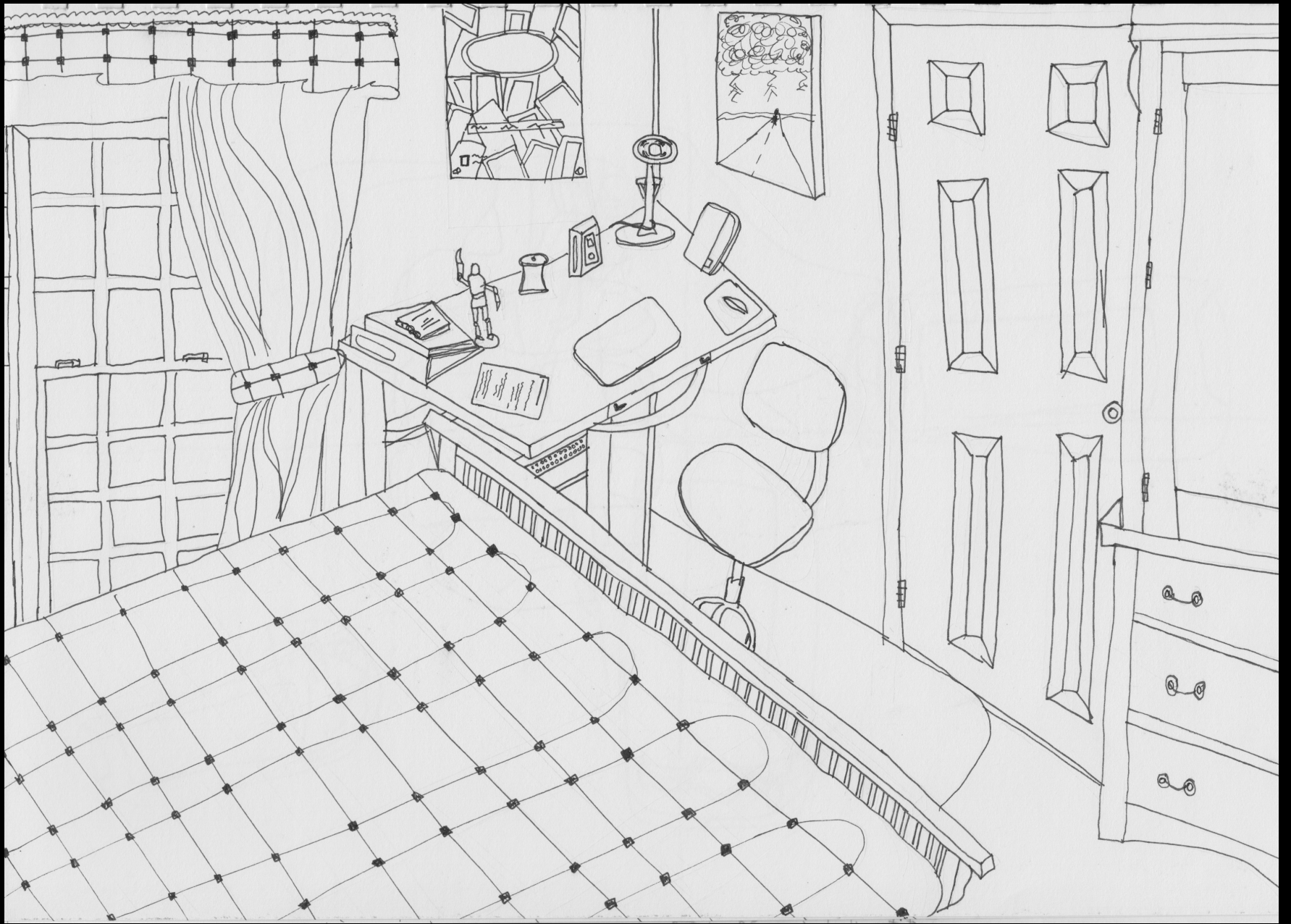


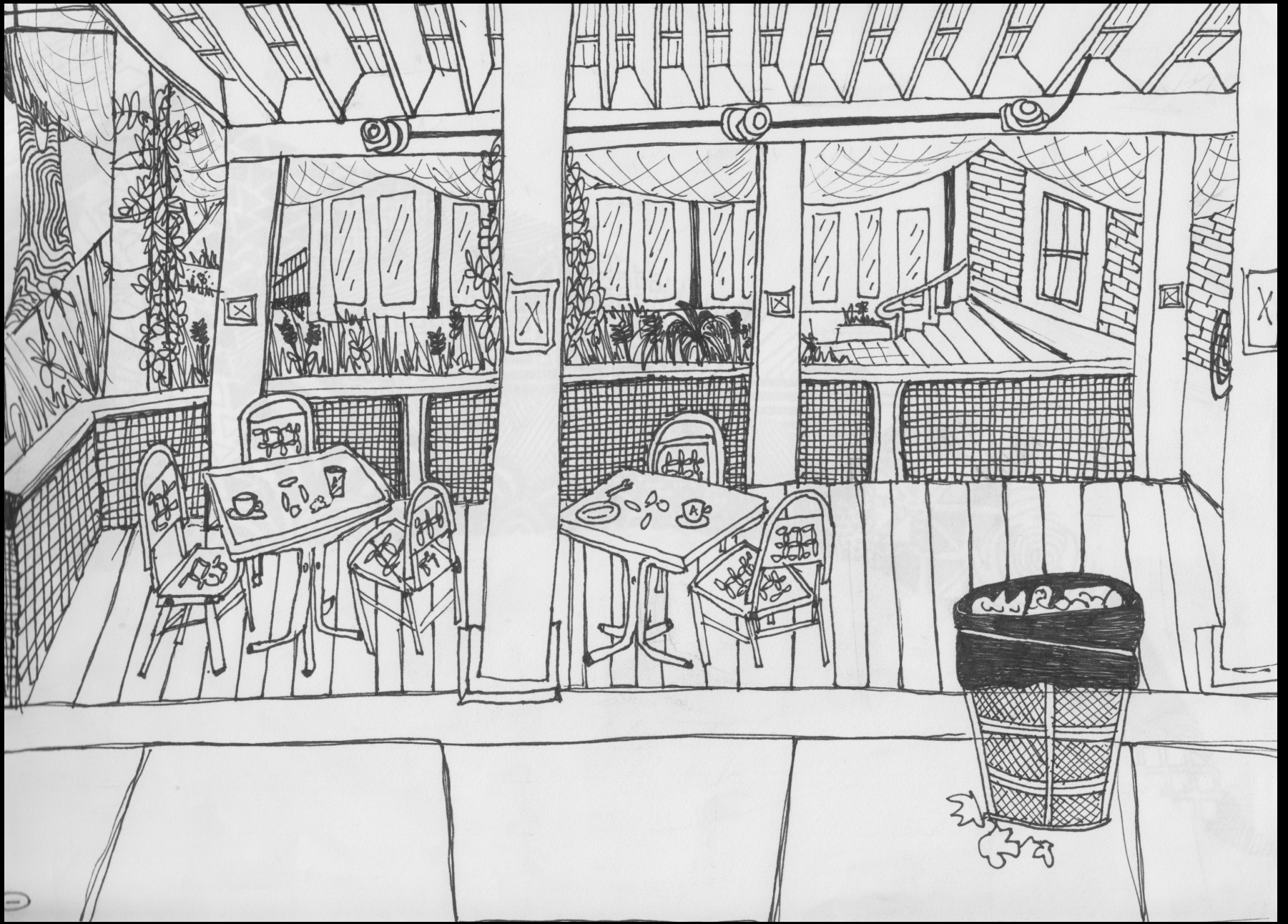
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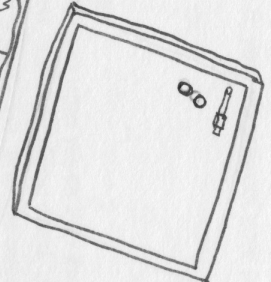
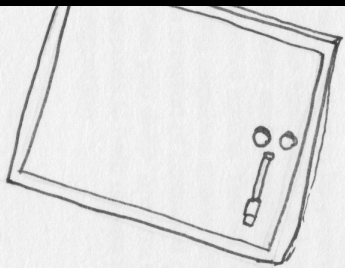
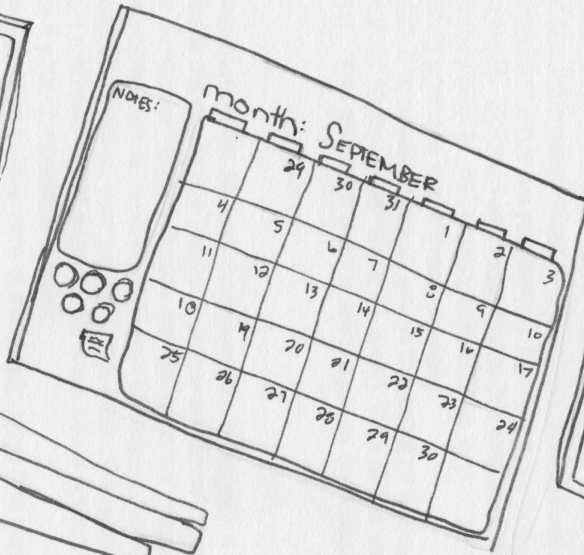


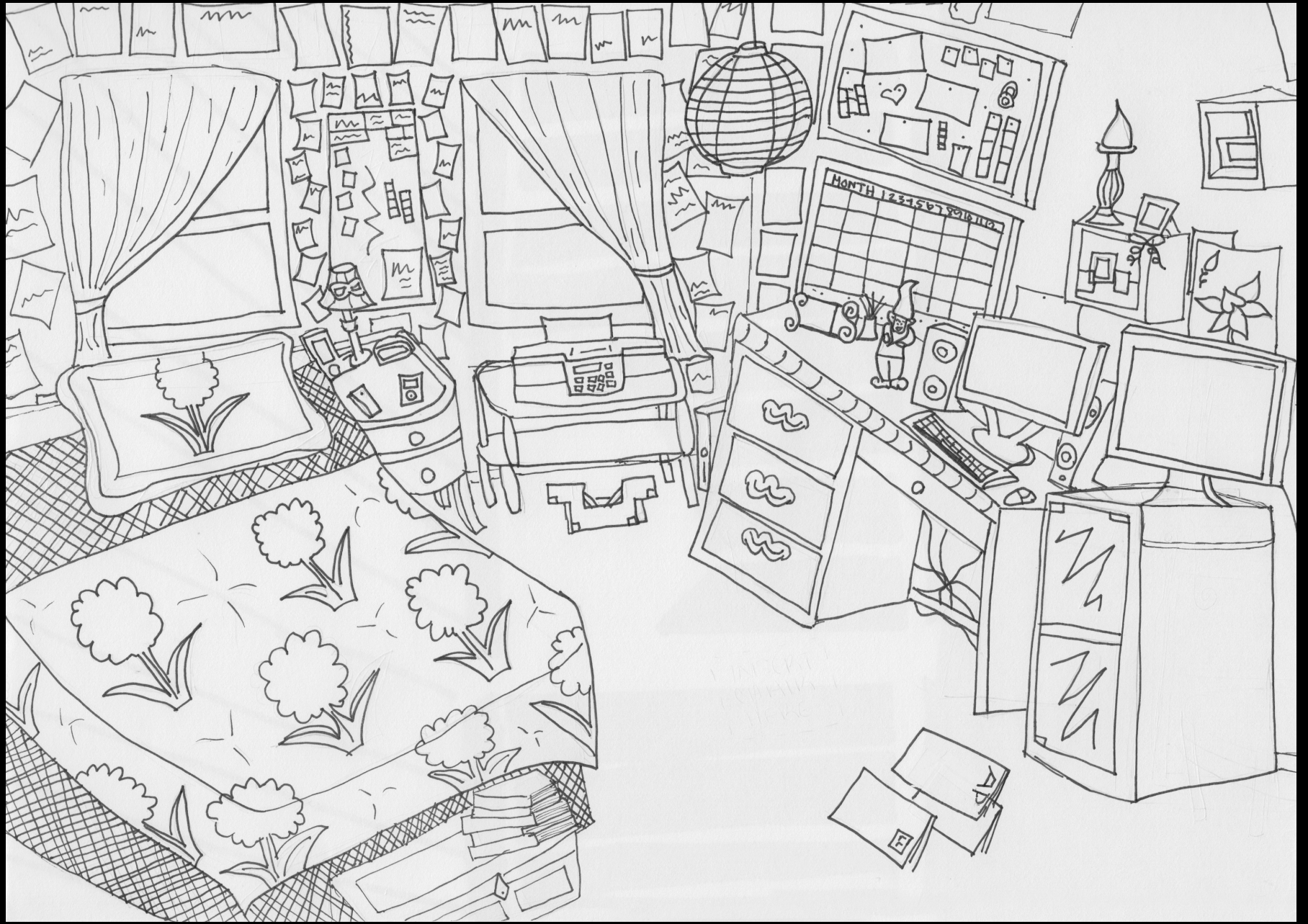




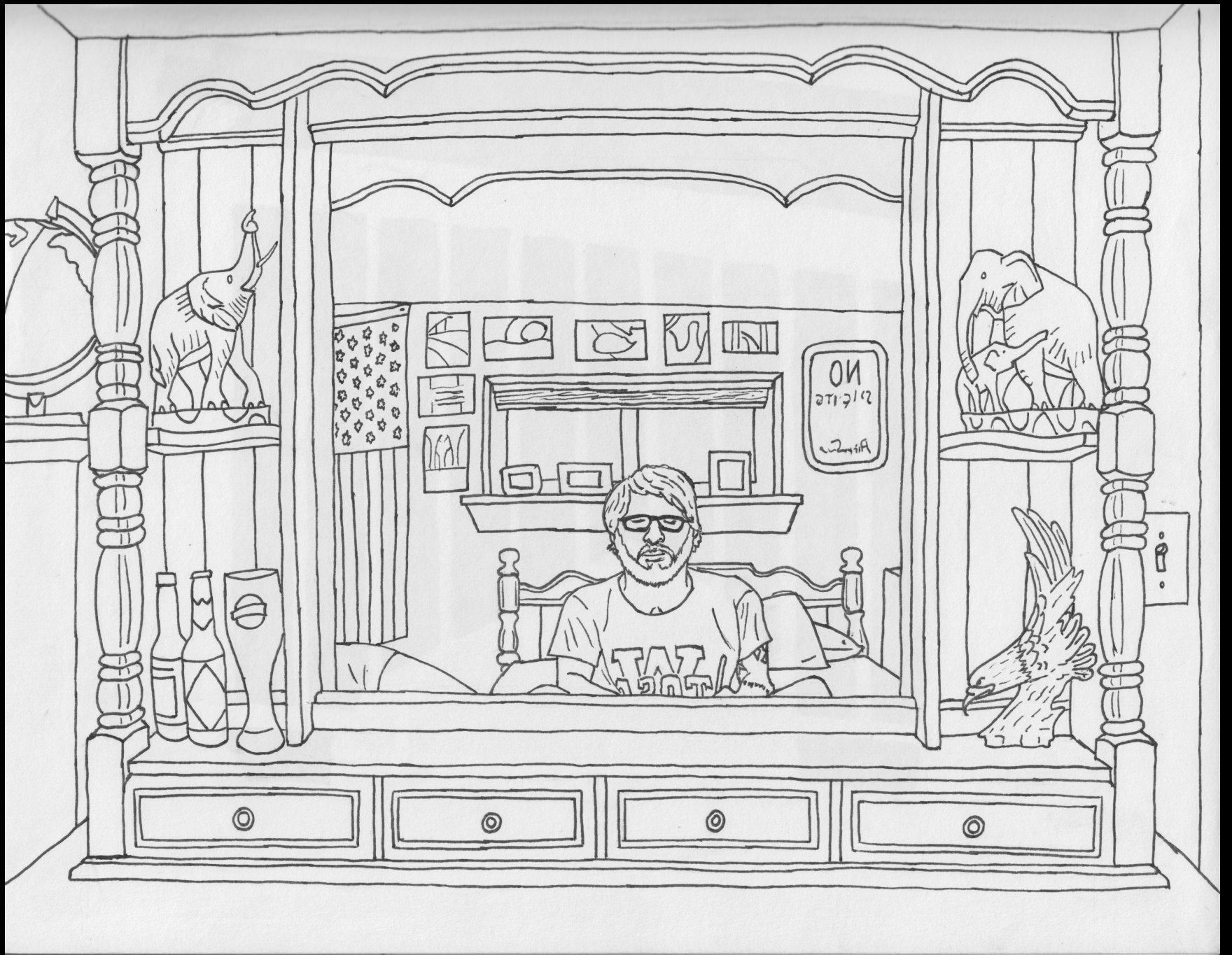


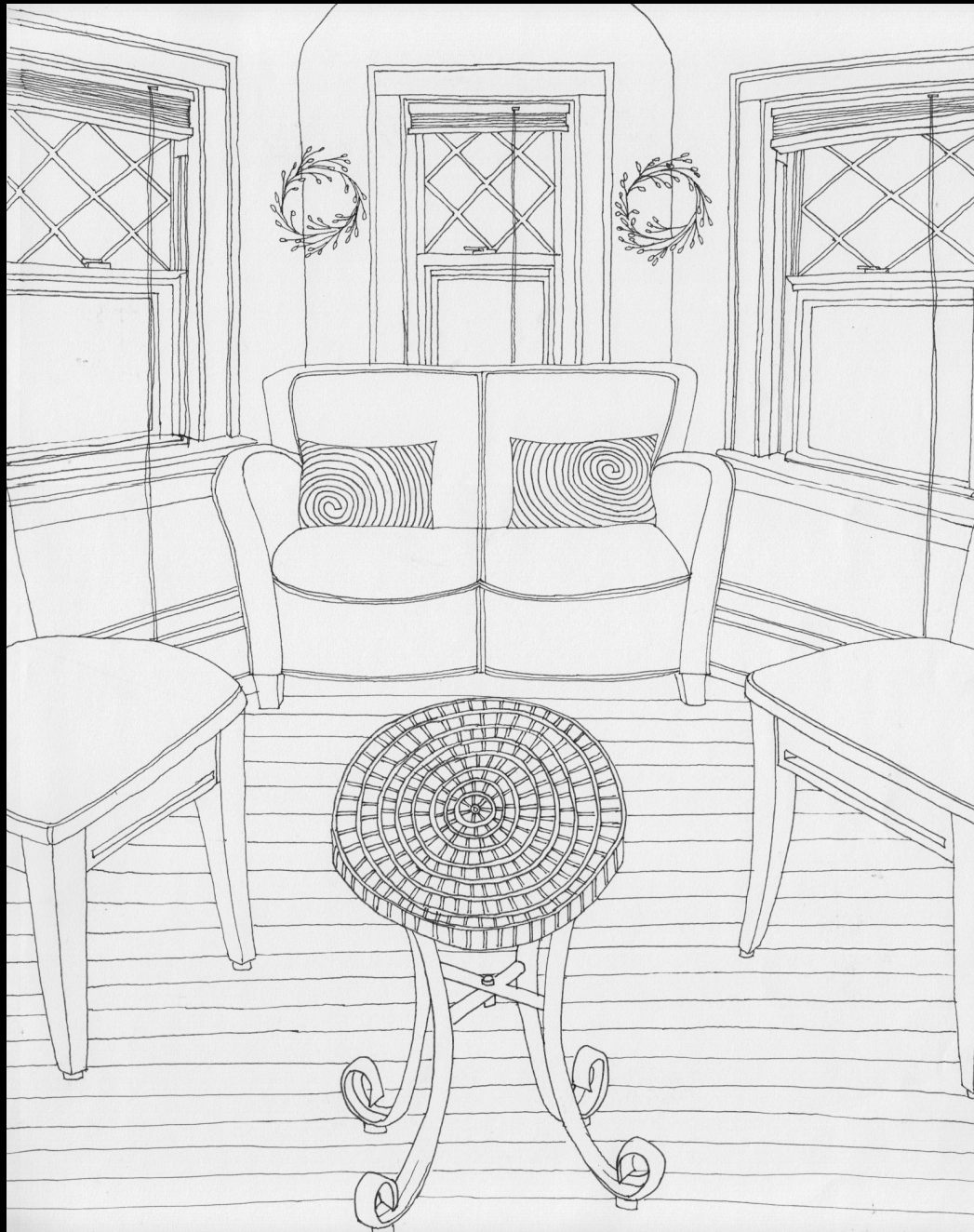














COFFEE
11 - 2.50
12 - 2.95
Cappuccino 4.20
Latte 3.00

ESPRESSO
DRINKS
3.50
3.85
3.90

Hot Tea
2.50
3.00
4.00
6.00

ALL DAY BREAKFAST

Waffles 9.95	Bagel 1.00	Rox. Cappuccino 2.50
Fruita da 9.95	Hot waffle 2.75	Cran. Cheese Bagel 1.15
Biscuito 6.95	Egg toast 5.95	
Bunuel 4.95		
Hot waffle 2.75		
Egg toast 5.95		

GOAL

3400
2400
2100
4200
5200

HOT TEA

ESPRESSO
12 oz
16 oz

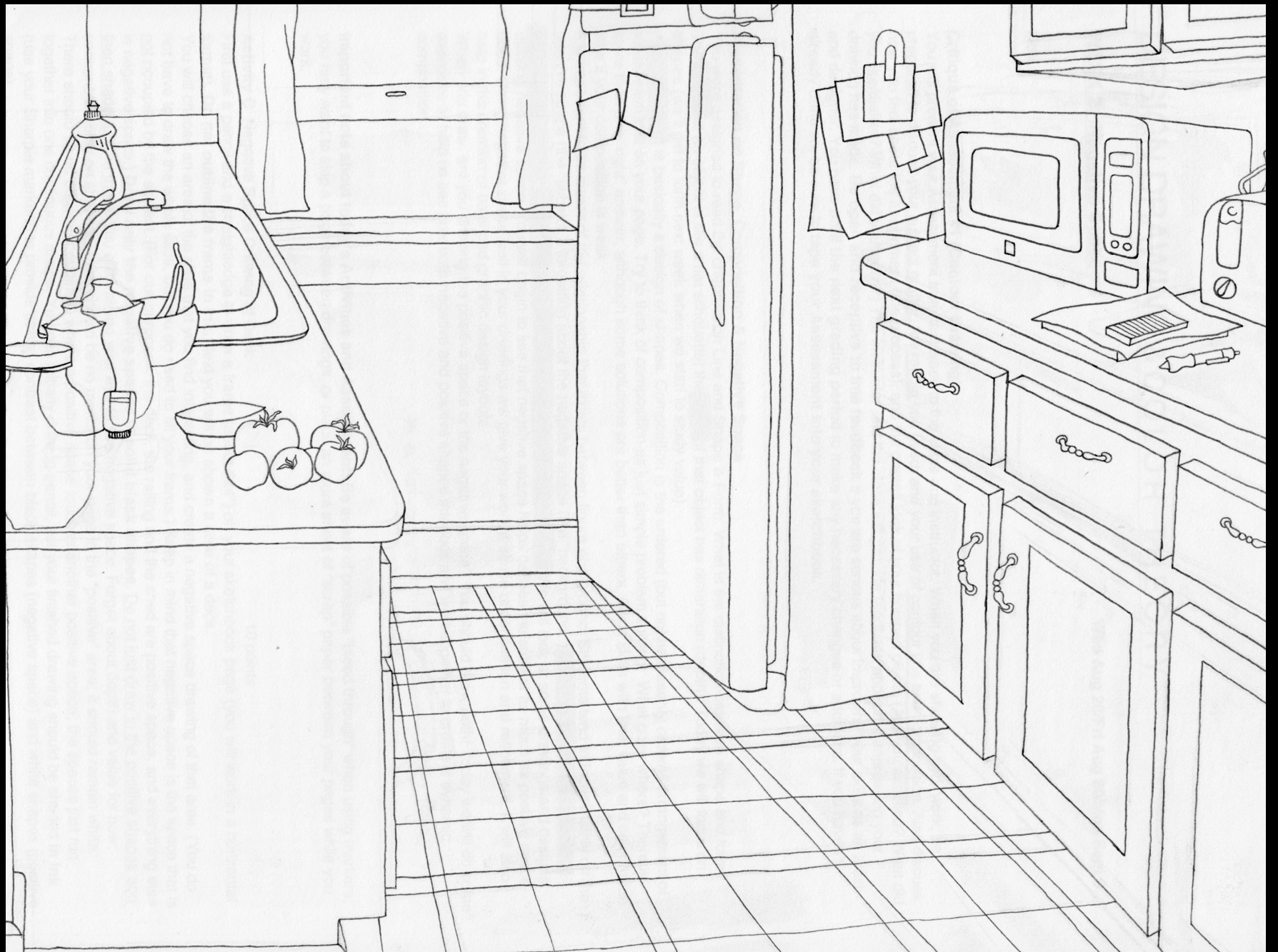
SPICY MEXICAN
Hot & Colón

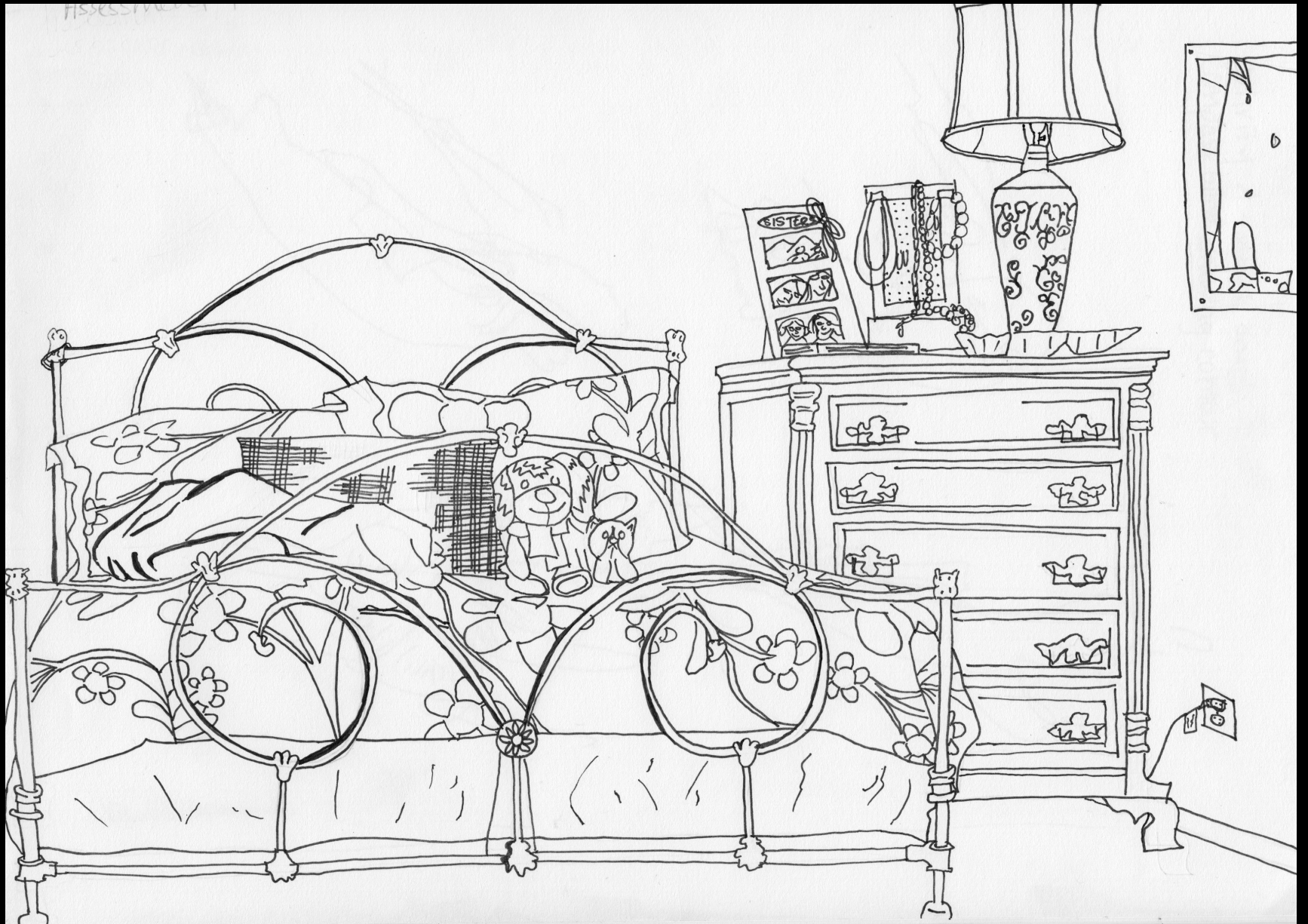
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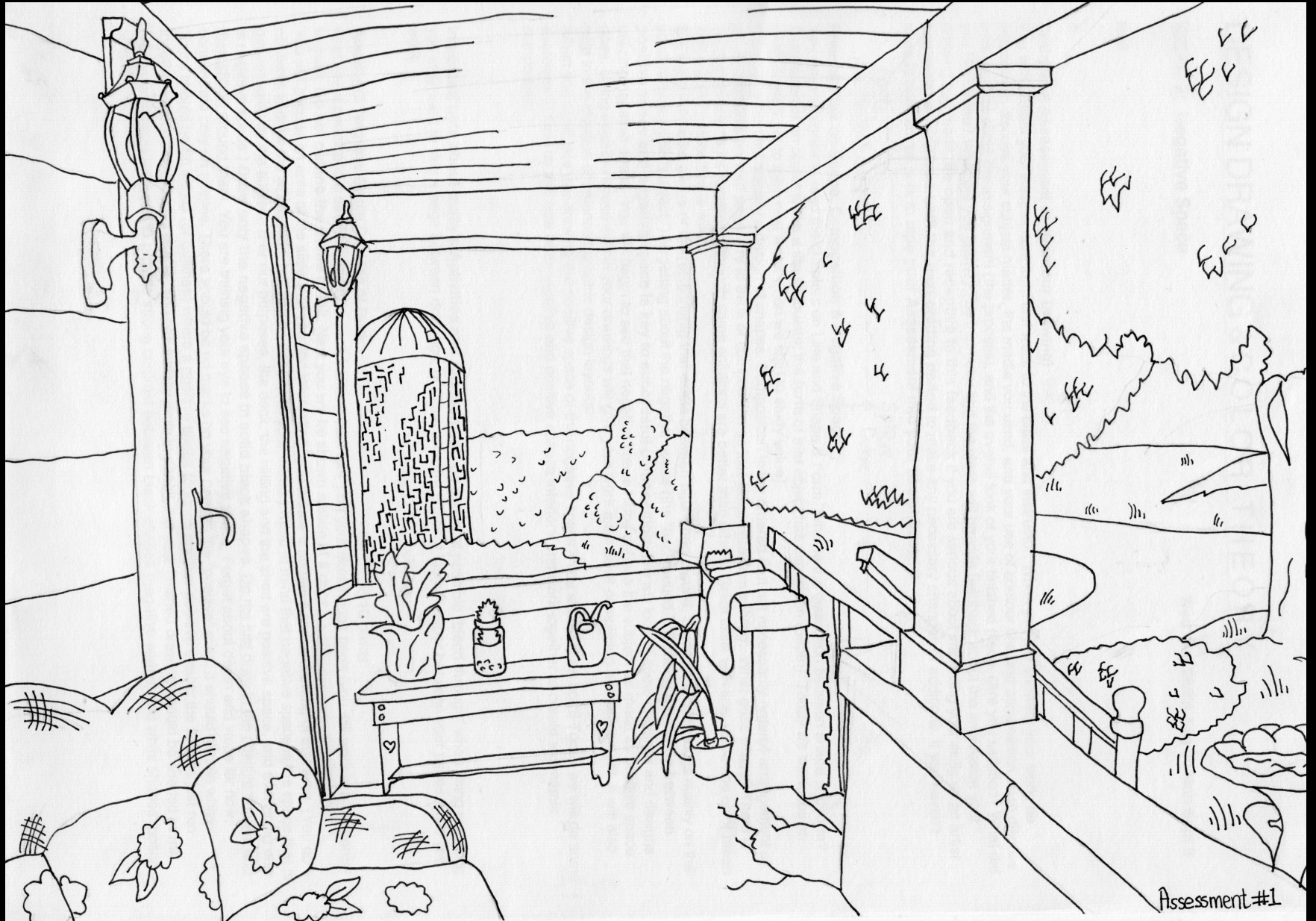
SPECIAL Drinks
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12 oz
16 oz

Coffee Factory









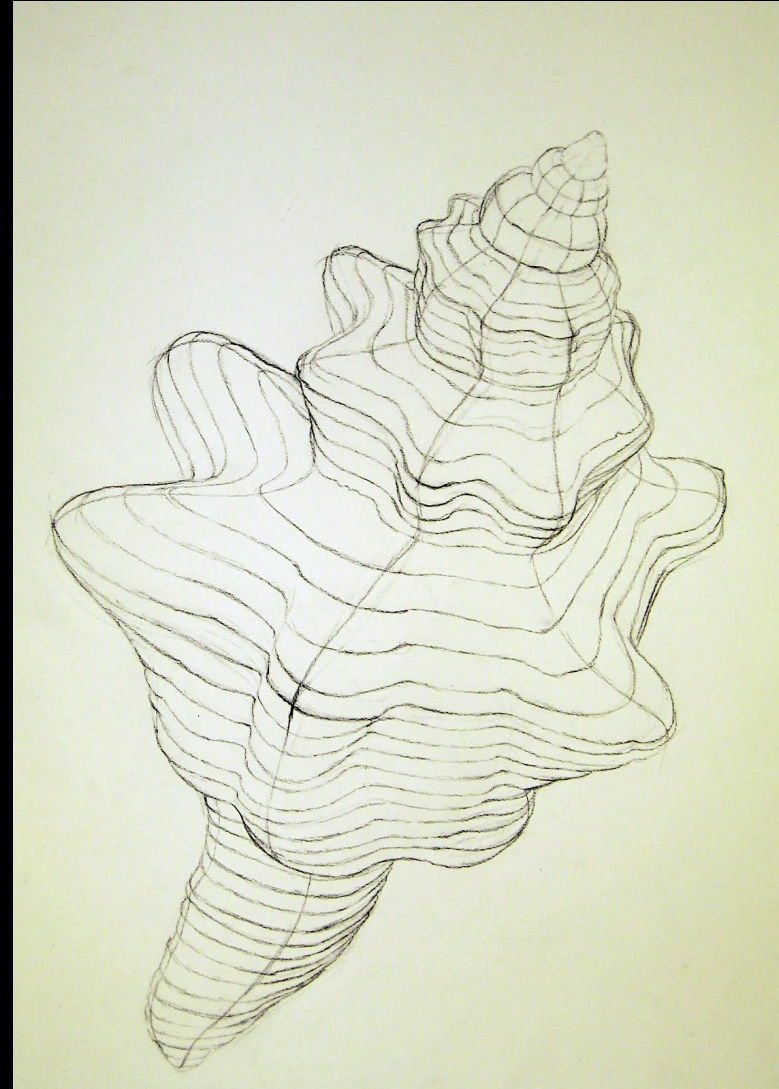
Cross Contour

Cross contour lines are drawn lines which travel, as the name suggests, across the form.

Cross contours may be horizontal or vertical

Often, in more complex forms, cross-contours will be drawn at varying angles.

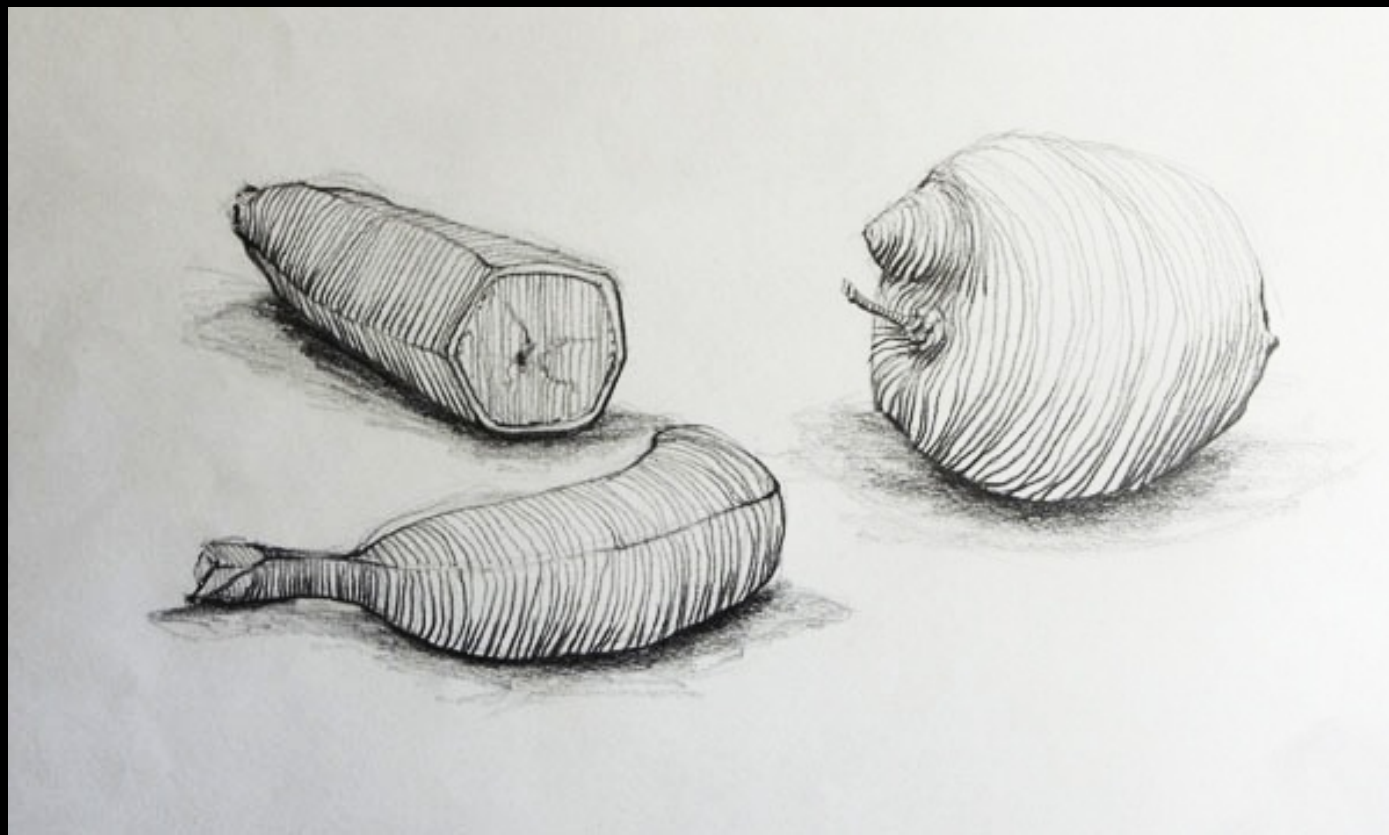
Often cross-contours look like the contour lines on a map of rough terrain - they help us visualize the topography of a surface.



Usually, we don't draw them this mechanically, but use the understanding of cross-contours to help us describe the form with more subtle line or shading.

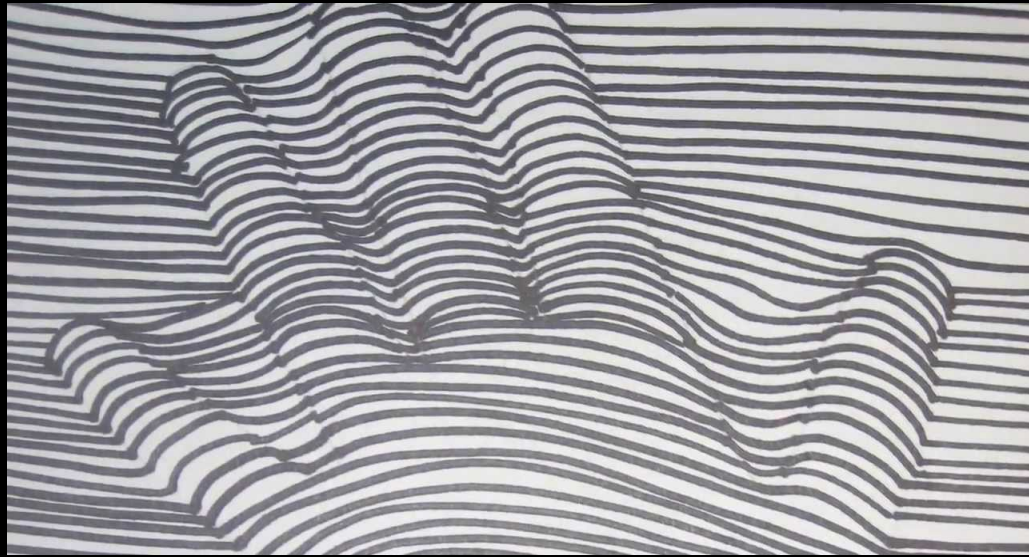
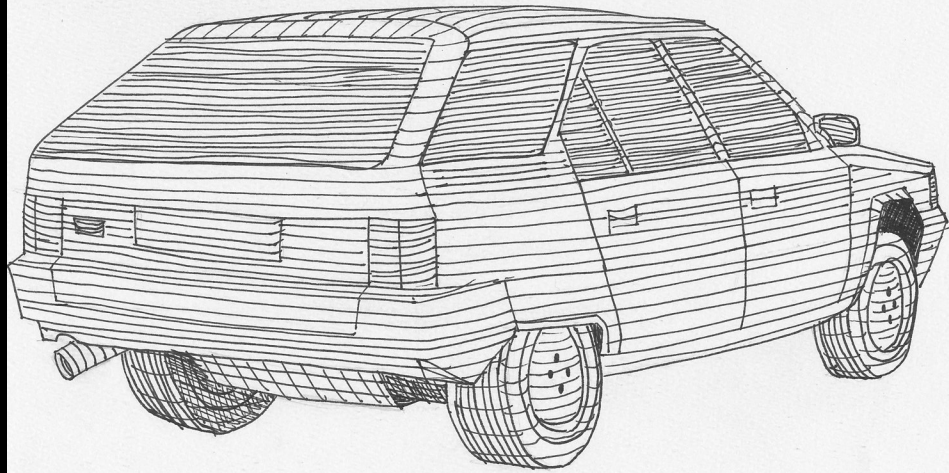
They help us understand the three-dimensional form and describe it on a two-dimensional surface.

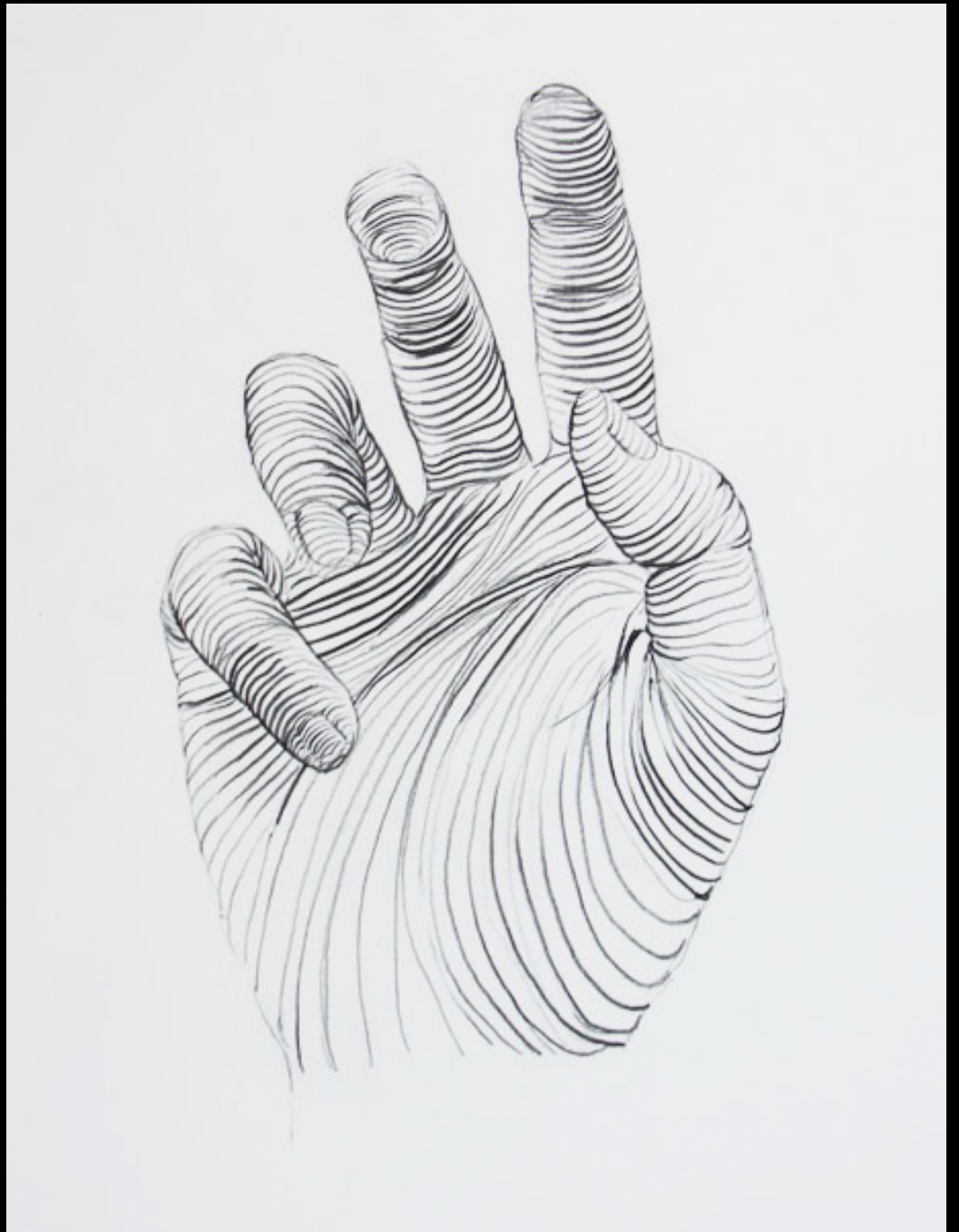
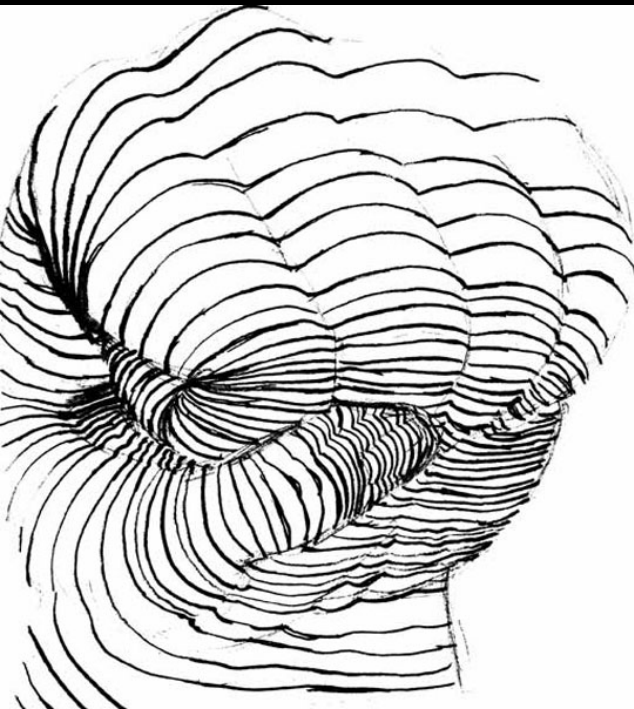
Contours wrap around a form and obey linear perspective







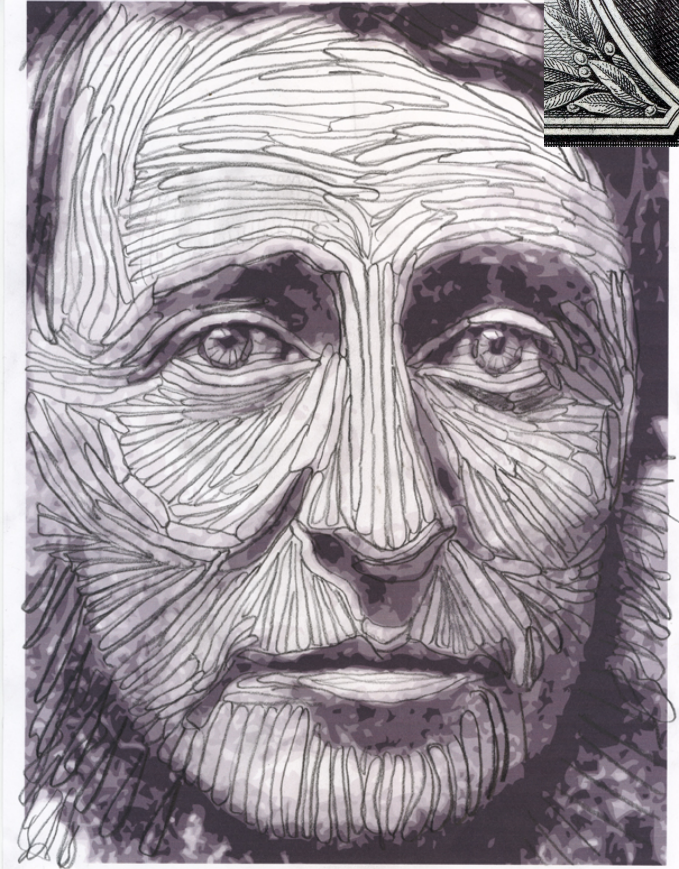
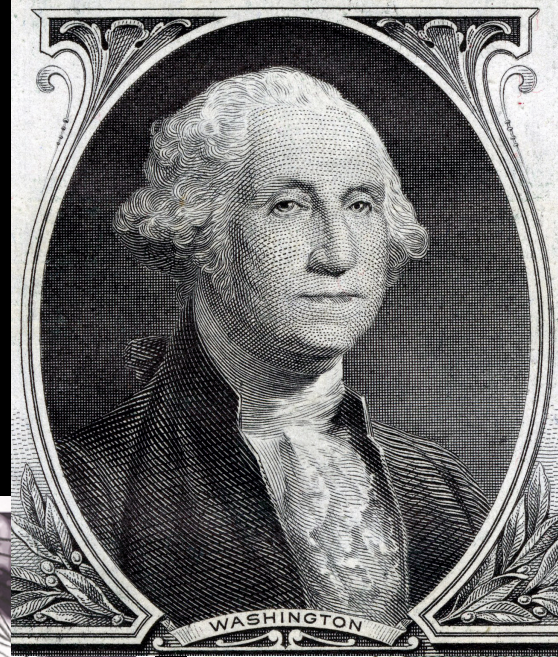




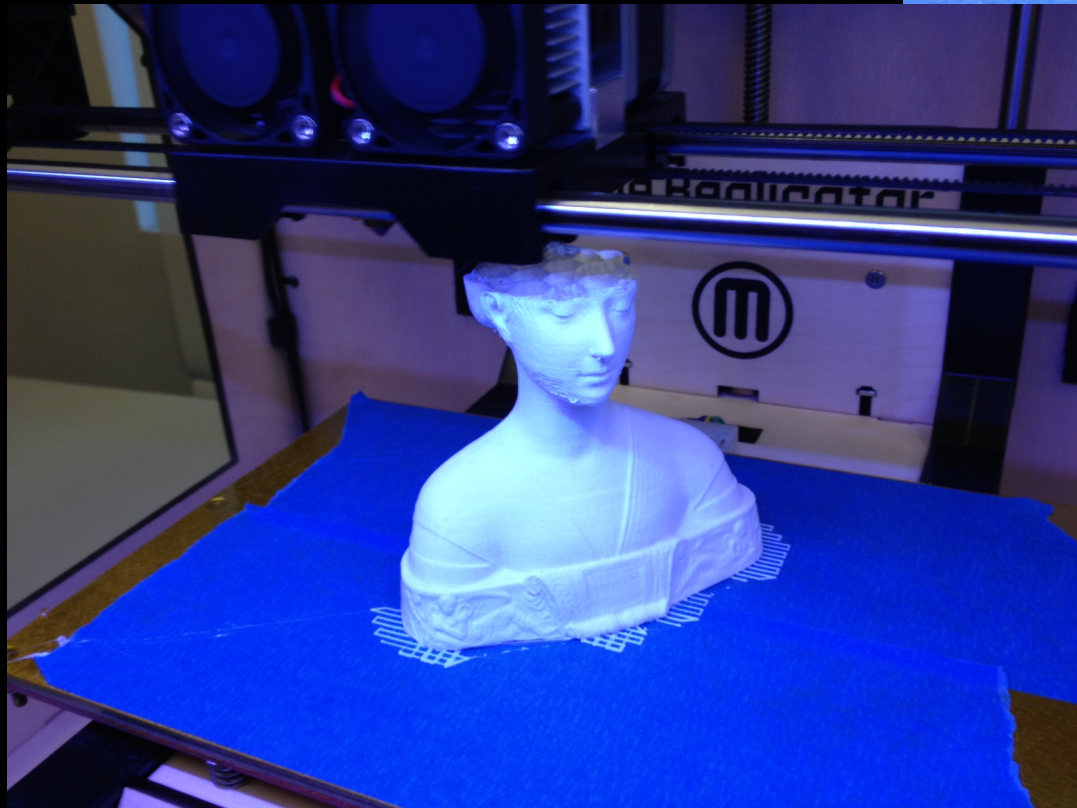
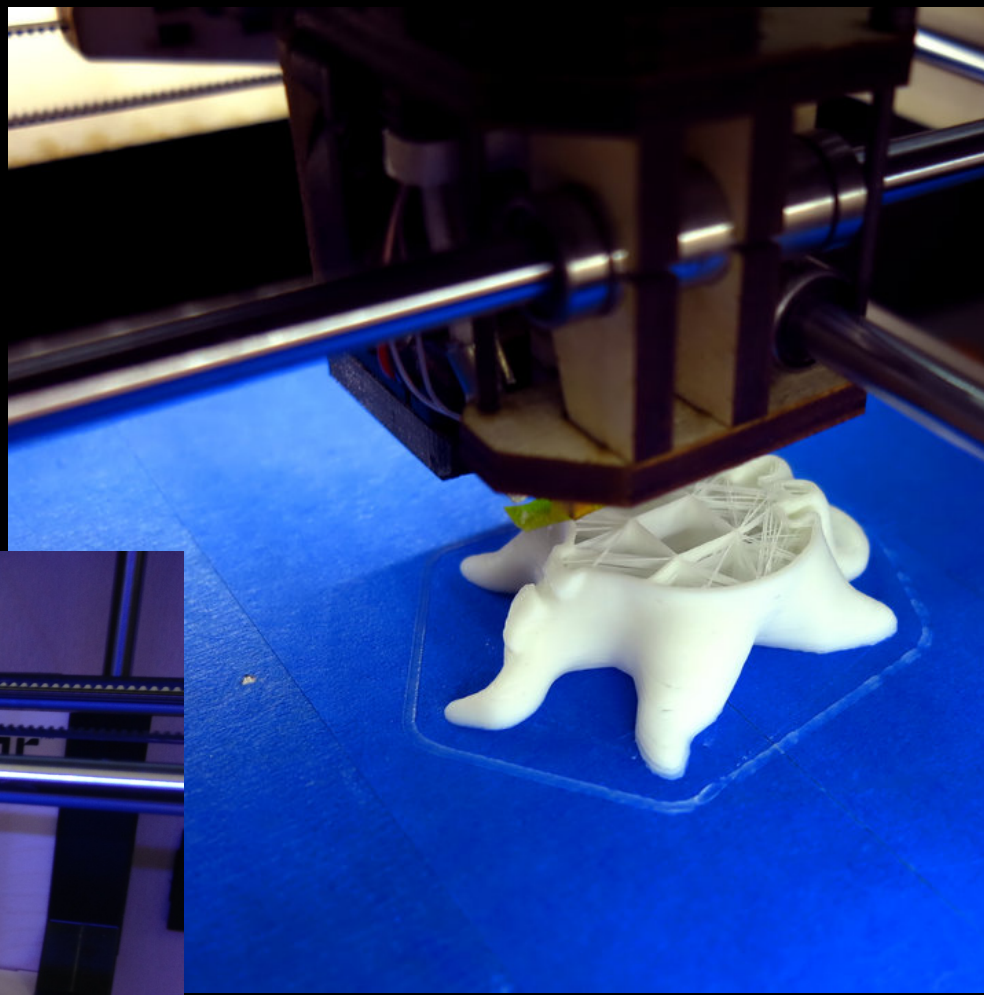




Engravers use
cross contours
to create
dimensional
effects



3D printers “draw” contours to create dimensional objects



Video on 3d printed glass
<https://youtu.be/IvcpbtpWpGY>