Sketchbook Assignments

Drawing

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You will be keeping a sketchbook for the entire semester.  This sketchbook will be a series of drawings and mixed media pieces that you will use for reference or for a portfolio.  Each one should be considered a **complete art piece**.  This means that composition and principles of good design can and should be utilized.

I believe sketchbooks are personal places of exploration for not only practice but journaling and questioning and sometimes, even doodling, but especially creative thinking.  I always hope each student will discover mixed meanings, irony, metaphor, and symbolism.... or even just how to get ideas for a drawing or project.

These are the sketchbook requirements for your first grading period. They can be in any media unless specifically designated!

***Enjoy each assignment! Challenge yourself and don’t be afraid of trying new things.***

1. Draw a plant with as much detail as possible using line contour and line variation.
2. Arrange a still life and draw it with shading.
3. Draw bottles and cans- have the cans crunched up for lots of detail and contrast to the bottles' smoothness.
4. Draw dishes in a drainer, with shading.
5. Draw a piece of furniture and use color to show the textures and shadows.
6. Find 2 or 3 objects that seem to have no relation to each other. Arrange and draw.
7. Draw an arrangement that includes food.
8. Draw 3 animals from life (if you can't see them live, copy them from a reference book).
9. Draw or design any kind of vehicle.
10. Draw an object of interest from 3 different views.
11. Study your feet and shoes. Draw them in different positions and from different angles and views.
12. Create an arrangement of objects, use a lamp or other light to make dramatic shadows.

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More Sketchbook Ideas:

Conflict of interests  
More than meets the Eye (I)  
Me, myself, and I (eye)  
Nightmares/Other worlds  
Habits  
Food   
Lonely    
The seasons  
The End  
Pairs  
I get around  
Balance  
Home is where...  
All that glitters...  
Pretty -- as a picture  
Layer it on  
So transparent  
A touch of     ?  
Messing around  
The senses  
Threads  
It's my nature  
Take cover  
It's not easy being green  
Hot and cold  
Lemon Yellow  
Black and White & red all over     
sunset  
Autumn  
Forest floor.