

**new year,
new things**

a refresh

New to **studies**? You're not memorizing anything; you're going to be drawing what's right in front of you. This is how you learn!

Start with a **reference** picture. Your goal, without tracing it, is to draw it as closely as you can. You won't be perfect, and that's OK. The process of drawing and noticing your mistakes is how you learn.

Go as long as you'd like, or set a time limit for speedy practice!

Learning to draw for the new year? **Welcome!** It's a great fulfilling hobby. Balance your time between drawing for fun and drawing to learn. Find a free course or video series to follow along with. Draw for fun and make some messes, make some intentionally bad art, embrace it. Art is a skill that you can keep learning forever. Get excited!

Already an artist? Take the time to try **new things**. Study something you haven't before. Tackle that subject you've always wanted to try. Maybe re-draw some old art in a new style!

This calendar is a remix from last year: give some drawings another go.

Like the prompt?
Draw it and check it off.

Not feeling it?
Draw what you want and write it in the blank space.

This calendar is yours.
Miss a day? Drew the wrong thing? That's OK! We're all human. Let yourself make mistakes.

Daily Art Calendar

January 2026

| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Start Fresh <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Freebie Friday <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Stretch Out <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Aliens & Monsters <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| | | | Get ready for the year! Start easy: draw a small page of quick, low-effort thumbnails. | Look ahead and draw anything from this calendar, or anything *you* want to draw. | First weekend of the year. Yay! Try drawing a character relaxing after a busy 2025. | What spooky creatures can you come up with? No rules, go crazy. |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comfort Drawing <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscapes <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> HANDS! <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Animals! <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Freebie Friday <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundamentals <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Figure Drawing <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| What's your go-to character or scene to draw? That easy one that makes you feel nice. | Study a photo, or imagine a beautiful landscape. | I don't care how bad you are at it. Draw a hand. | Draw your pet! Or the birds outside! Or any animal. Use references if needed. | This again! Draw what you've been itching to draw, or pick another day from this month. | We all could use practice. Practice lines, construction, perspective, anything you feel weak on. | Sometimes called "gesture" drawing. Line-of-action is a good website! |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comfort Drawing <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Art Course <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Camping Trip <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Freebie Friday <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Classical Art Study <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Fanart <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Perspective <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| Yes, you can do it again! What a treat. Have your low-key drawing days. | Working through an art course? Do a lesson. Not? Find a short course on YouTube. | You're going camping. What does your site look like? Who's there? | Anything! This calendar or your ideas. | Find some 100-year-old art and try drawing it! Be creative & change it if you want. | Even if you usually don't make fanart: try it! Video games, movies, TV, you name it. | Try a crazy close perspective. Haven't practiced perspective? Try drawing 3D boxes. |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Still Life <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Study List <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse from Memory <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Comfort Drawing <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Your Weakest Skill <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Freebie Friday <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> HANDS, AGAIN! <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| What's on your table? Draw it! Paint it! See how close you can get. | What art have you seen and thought, "I want to try that too!" Keep a list and draw from it. | No peeking! Draw a horse from memory, no references. | You get another one this month -- what's your go-to relaxation doodle? | What do you have trouble with the most? Anatomy? Perspective? Faces? Confront it. Overcome it! | Another freebie Friday! What do you want to draw? | If you can draw hands you can draw anything. Try it again! |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fanart Again <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Life <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Modern Art Study <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Comfort Drawing <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Freebie Friday <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Study List <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | |
| Another fanart opportunity? Yes! What's your favorite TV show character? | Fish! Dolphins! Orcas! Octopuses... octopi? No. I'm saying it how I want. | Study some modern art featured in a museum. Anything speak to you? | We do love life's comforts. Pick that easy-to-draw character or scene and relax. | The last freebie of the month! And also the last day. Make the most of it! | Pick another item off the top of your study list to finish off the month. | |