Anatomy

A core piece of any creative character.

Anatomy isn't just science class; it's the understanding of the human form to imagine and render creative characters. You don't need to memorize the name of muscles, but noticing how the curves flow together can add loads of visual interest to a piece.

Remember that characters, even non-human ones, **build on reality**. What we perceieve as relatable, interesting art is the art that builds on familiar ideas like arms and legs.

Yes, it's that month.

September is broken up into weeks with a different anatomical area to focus on.

We've got arms! Legs! The torso! Hands and feet. Try your best! You'll find your weak points quickly.

References are essential this month! Be sure to search for plenty when you practice. Diagrams of muscles on the human body as well as "line of action" or "gesture drawing" pictures can help you understand why the shapes under the skin look and bend the way they do.

Even if you primarily draw non-humans, try **studying human shapes** as-is. You'll be able to adapt them to your own characters, but it's overwhelming trying to do both at the same time.

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

September 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Arm From Memory	Biceps	Shoulders	Forearm	Freebie Friday	Muscular Fanart	Comfort Breather
No looking at your own arms! Try your best to draw from memory with as much detail as you can.	The classic muscle pose. Flexing, loose, study and draw how this changes in some references.	see how that links your	The elbow and the muscles after it can be tricky! Notice how they move when you twist your arm.	Like drawing arms and muscles? Go for more! Don't? Draw anything else!	What strong character do you remember from a TV show? What if you *made* a character muscular?	We're just getting started, but draw something easy today. What makes you feel cozy?
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Simplified Leg	Knees	Lower Leg	Butt	Freebie Friday	Reaching Towards	Core Drills
What's the least amount of marks you can use to make a leg before it starts to look wrong?	Knees are a shape that's often forgotten when drawing legs. There are bumps! Corners!	Focus on the shapes below the knee. Are there shapes you didn't notice before?	Butt.	Another Friday for drawing whatever you please; anatomy-focused or not.	A tough perspective challenge! Draw an arm (or a character) reaching towards the camera.	No anatomy today! Practice some drawing essentials like mark- making or perspective.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Chest Shapes	Pelvis	☐ The Back	Twisty Torsos	Freebie Friday	Belly	Hands
The chest can have many shapes! Study some photos and look for things you might have missed.	The pelvis is also key to a character. How do the legs connect? Where do parts overlap?	The back is a great place to study shoulder and arm muscles. Grab some references and try.	Drawing a character twisting around, looking behind, creates so many fun shapes! Try a study out.	Draw more torsos if you like! Or draw anything else from this calendar or your imagination.	Not all torsos are muscular and sculpted. What's one that looks less in-shape?	YES! Time for hands. This is a tough one! Pay attention to how fingers connect and overlap.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Feet				Freebie Friday		All Together
Feet can be tricky too! Look closely how they bend from different angles.	All the stress of drawing difficult things! Draw something cozier, something easy that you like.	Try more hands with fingers in different positions. Do they follow a curve? Show that.	Ankles can bend in odd ways than you might be used to drawing. Study a bunch.	Like drawing hands and feet? You're crazy, I love it, keep going. Or, draw anything you'd like.	Used to drawing human limbs? Try animal. Other way around? Try some others you're not familiar with!	Combine your skills now and try drawing everything you've learned this month in one pose.
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Gesture	Simplified, Again	8				
Grab some reference images and try some low detail sketching, focusing on the motion of each pose.	All that stuff you've learned? Try simplifying it. How far can you go before it loses definition?	\		de	La S	

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