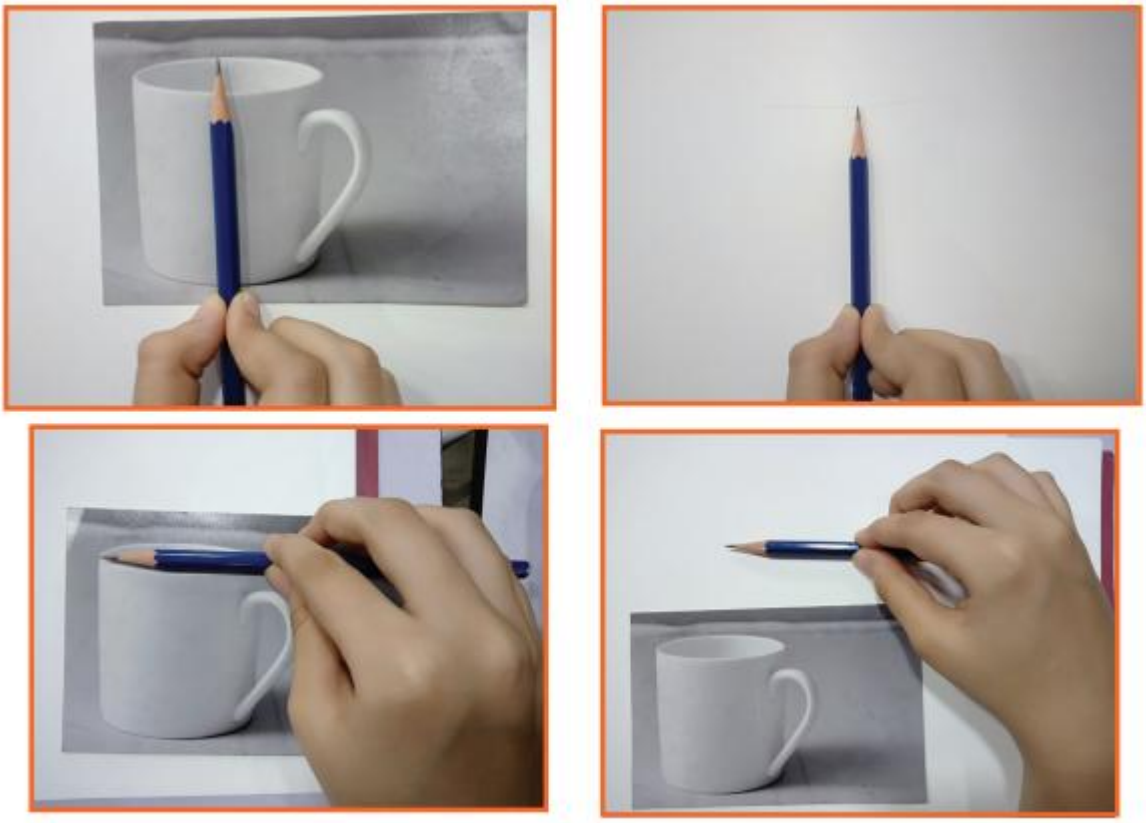
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Measuring



Measuring your objects

Measure roughly the hight and width of your object, (use a ruler or pencil).

Measure different angles.

Check relative sizes, (is it taller than it is it wide? Is the handle as wide as the mug?

TIP → Make really light measuring marks on your page to help you see where you plan to draw your object.

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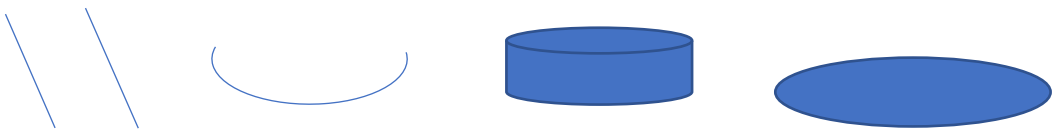
Look for **shapes**



Once you have marked out the basic measurements, you can begin drawing **shapes** and basic **forms**.

Keep checking the proportion is correct.

TIP → Don't press too hard with your pencil.

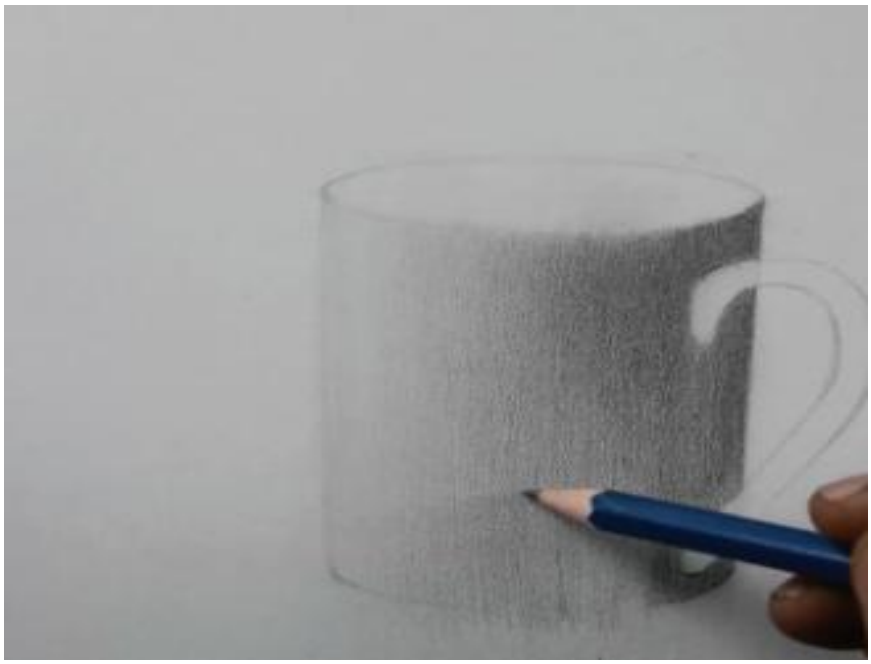


Look for parallel lines, straight edges and ellipses.

Erase the lines you have corrected using your rubber.

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Add **tone**



Observational Skills

Look at your object and see where you should add the really dark bits and where the lightest areas are.

Add some basic **tones** using gentle lines. Build up your tone in layers.

Try and use a full range of tones, from dark, through lots of mid-tones, to really light highlights.

TIP → Do your shading and then neaten up the edges with your rubber.

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Creating **form**

By smoothing and blending your **tone**, you can create **form**.

Blend and smooth your pencil lines. Use your rubber to remove areas of shading where you want the highlights to shine.

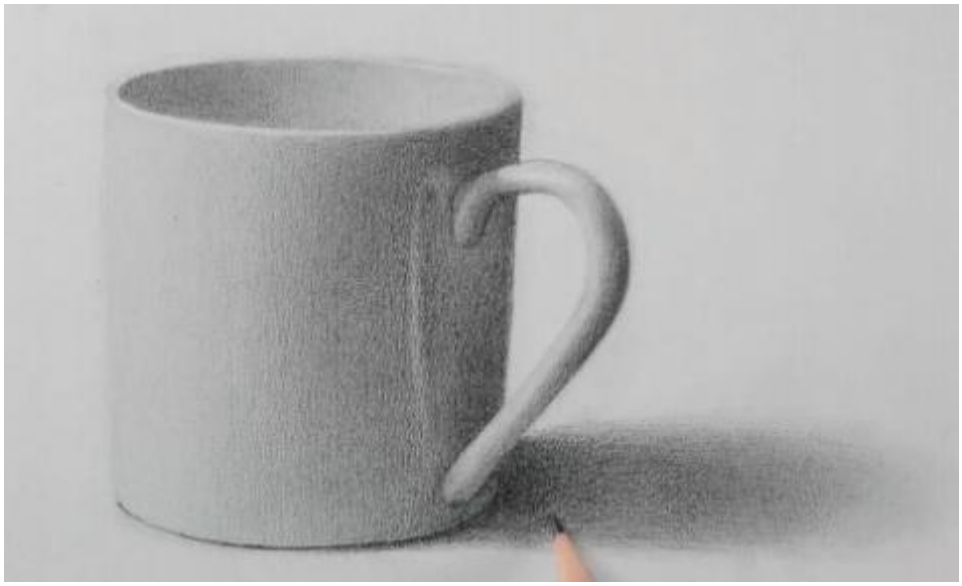
Use a sharp pencil to add fine lines where there are little shadows at the base of the object.

Create smooth transitions and even tones in your drawing.

Use a putty rubber or a tortillon to blend your pencil marks.

TIP → Take your time with this step, smooth out the lines and create even tones. You don't want your drawing to have heavy outlines. as you want for this step. It includes modelling the form, meaning

Adding **detail**



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Basic Drawing Techniques

Improve your drawing skills by trying these drawing techniques and practicing drawing different things.

Observational Skills

Add details, shades or texture to your drawing.

Really look closely at your object. Can you notice and shadows, texture or patterns that you could add? Are there reflections or highlights that need adding?

If your drawing is looking a bit flat and grey, you could use some strokes of white chalk for the very brightest areas to finish the drawing.

TIP Adding a shadow or a simple horizon line halfway behind your object will stop your object look like it is hovering and more like it is sitting on a surface.