

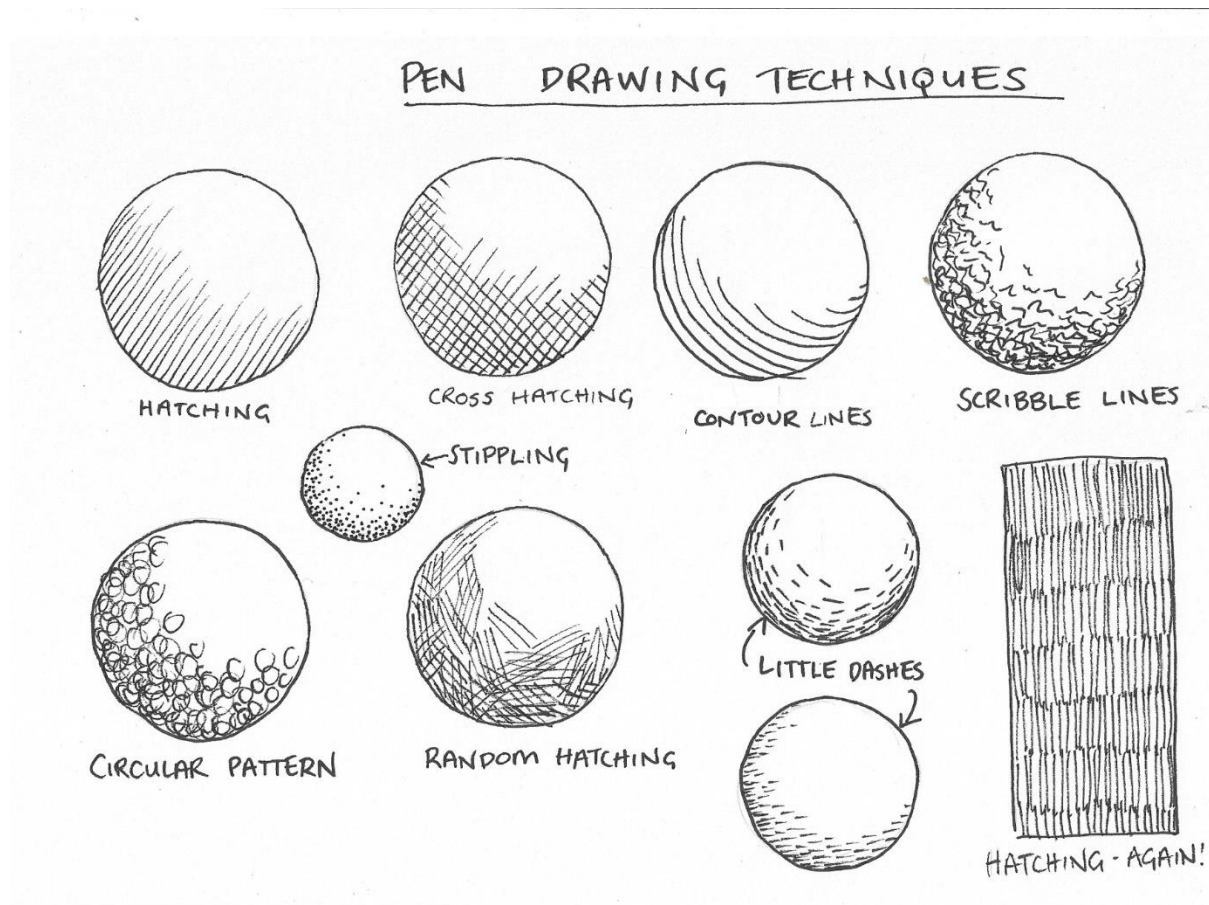
Pen Drawing Techniques

Pen drawing can be quite different from pencil drawing, but it can be used to create beautiful drawings with a great look all of their own. Often, we may only use fineline pens or markers for outlines in our drawing, but if you learn some techniques for mark making and shading with pen, you can create areas of light and dark, or build up texture in your drawing.

Top Tips!

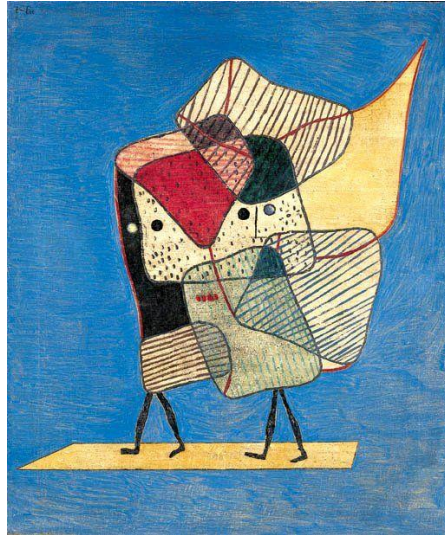
- To start your drawing, you may want to *faintly* draw in the outlines with pencil. Make sure you only draw in the main shapes that you need, and that you are drawing lightly enough to erase all the pencil. Once done, set your pencil aside.
- Pen drawing can take time, but it's so worth it! The more care you take with your marks, the better your drawing will look.
- To create darker areas in your drawing, make more marks closer together, even on top of each other. For lighter areas, space your marks further apart.

Here are some examples of commonly used pen drawing techniques:

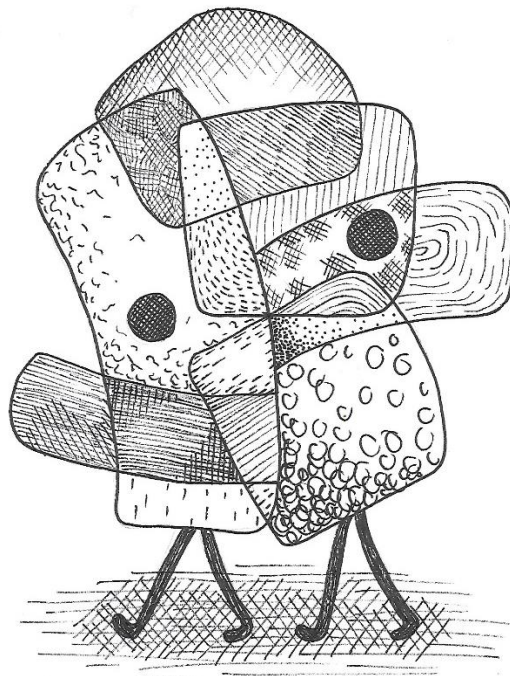


Exercise: Practising different pen drawing styles

The idea for this exercise came from a painting by famous 20th century artist, Paul Klee. I just loved how the shapes were arranged, and simple circles and legs were added to create a character. It also creates all these shapes we can fill in with different pen drawing techniques.



Painting by Paul Klee



The idea from the painting recreated in pen

1. Using an HB pencil, start by drawing an arrangement of shapes that pleases you. Draw lightly so you can erase all the pencil, leaving a beautifully clean black and white pen drawing.
2. Take your fineline pen and outline the shapes.
3. Now refer to the pen drawing techniques below. Fill out different areas with these. Try out as many as possible in your drawing.
4. Try and create varying areas of light and dark in your drawing.
5. Make all your marks carefully and don't rush. It will make a big difference! Enjoy your practise. Which technique is your favourite?

