

Materials

- A sunny, quiet place outside/inside your home
- Lamp or flashlight
- Drawing utensils
- Blank paper for drawing
- Everyday objects of varying shapes

Instructions

1. Prepare Workspace

Find a sunny place at home where you can safely lay out your materials and comfortably work on your artwork. Identify your strongest source of light as you look down at your paper. If needed, use a flashlight or a lamp as your main light source.

ART GUIDE

Drawing Shadows

Use everyday items around your home to create organic shapes from cast shadows.

2. Discover Shadows

Place your everyday objects onto your paper with your light source on one side. Arrange shapes by width and height. Notice the size and shape of the cast shadows. Move the objects around to layer shadows and create organic shapes.

3. Draw Shapes

How do the shadows interact? What combination of objects creates the most interesting shapes for you? When you are happy with your composition, begin drawing the outline of your cast shadows, allowing your line drawing to be free-flowing. Remove objects and complete your artwork by adding to the line drawing or coloring in your organic shapes.

4. Document

Documenting your creative process and artwork is an essential part of making art. Take a picture of your drawing. Be sure to include your objects in your picture!