Worksheet #



"A book is a gift you can open again and again."

- GARRISON KEILLOR

These are books.

(Pinky Swear!)

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Drawing Exercise #5

HOW TO DRAW A STACK OF BOOKS

Today's assignment: Get a stack of books and draw them WITHOUT looking at your paper. (Known as "blind contours," these drawings are process drawings only; in other words, they are *supposed* to look funny!)

How to do it: Stack up 3-5 books in front of you. Look at the books for just a moment, then pick a corner of one book. Place your pen to paper and SLOWLY start drawing the edges you see. Try to move your pen and eyes at the same speed. Continue drawing until you feel done. (Keep it slow!)

P.S. It's easy to accidently look down at your paper out of habit. Some people find it helpful to hold another piece of paper up over their drawing so they don't "cheat."

EXTRA CREDIT Repeat the exercise on a separate sheet of paper.

