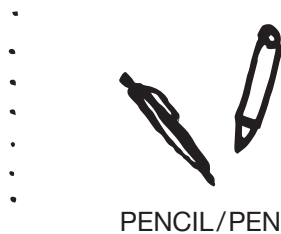


DRAWING AND LAYERING: FIGURES AND BACKGROUNDS

**WHAT
WILL YOU
NEED?**



What will you be doing?

Spend some time looking at the Fall exhibition and find a few figures and background inspirations. Then, create your own figures and backgrounds.

☆ *Use the prompts below to help guide you.*



Sometimes art is made to show the human body without clothing on. Artists have been studying the body since the beginning of recorded creativity. Looking at bodies in art sometimes means we will see them nude. You may feel silly, or embarrassed, and that's okay! Take some time to get the sillies out, and then look at these figures.

TAKE A WALK AROUND THE GALLERY...



Look at each figure and find similarities and differences.

How are the figures posed? What emotions are they showing?
How does the figure interact with its surroundings?



While looking closely, notice the backgrounds behind the figures.

What other objects or figures do you see in the background?
What's the story behind the figure?



LET'S CREATE!



Take a plain piece of paper and fold it lengthwise in half, then fold it again horizontally in half. Unfold the paper, you should have 4 large squares.

Draw a figure in each square that represents different people you know or see in your life. They can be friends, family, or people you see each day like a bus driver, teacher, or shop worker. Picture them in your head and draw them the best you can.

Now, on a piece of tracing paper, fold it the same way, vertically and horizontally in half so you get 4 squares. **On each square of the tracing paper, draw a different background.** Think about what you want happening behind the figure. What story do you want to tell?

Once you have your figures and backgrounds, layer the tracing paper on top to view your figures inside the backgrounds!



You can fold the paper more times to get more squares. If you want to challenge yourself, make up to 16 squares by folding each page horizontally 4 times, and vertically 4 times. Reveal your 16 squares and repeat the process of creating your own figures and backgrounds!



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