

Croquis Figure Collection

Croquis Figures: Simplified fashion figures to trace repeatedly for illustrations and quick sketches

These will be:

- head to toe
- completed in fine black ink (no sharpies!)
- with NO shading,
- No color
- No clothing.
- They must be a minimum of 9 ½ heads tall and of appropriate width and shape.
- They need simple faces, hairlines (not actual hair), crotches, busts, and everything else needed to make them complete.
- Pay attention to proportions and details.
- Complete these on 11" x 14" Bristol Board, cardstock, or smooth watercolor paper.
- *Put completed pages and all photos together in one page protector with your name NEATLY on every page and every photo.*

Turn in

- 2 Female front figures with a little movement on individual pages
- 1 Group of 3 females on 1 page (pay attention to layout, mood, and figure coordination)
- 1 Group of 2 figures – all Female – on one page. Again pay attention to layout, mood, and figure coordination.

Pose Sources:

- You are not allowed to use poses from the text books. Go find new, original poses from magazines and other sources.
- You must turn in copies of the sources for each figure (i.e. the magazine tear-outs, internet printouts, etc.).
- These must be from photos of actual people, not drawings, not mannequins.
- You also must make sure that you are converting them into 10-head tall fashion figures – thinning, stretching, trimming, etc.
- The photos must be head to toe.
- You must have a different photo for every pose.
- You may not repeat a pose.
- Your drawing (pose) must match the pose of the photo.
- Groups may be taken either from a photo of a group or by pooling together individual photos that look good together.
- If there is more than one person on a page, circle or star the figure you used.

- You are allowed to draw on top of the photos when determining your figure's pose.
- Choose poses that:
 - Aren't difficult
 - Are versatile and don't stand out when re-used in the portfolio
 - Show prospective clothing well
 - Are standing
 - Don't require any props to support them and aren't leaning on anything/anyone
 - Have a little movement (aren't in the stock-still 10-heads front view)
 - Avoid paparazzi and celebrity photos as they are usually shot with zoom lenses that distort the figure and make it difficult to draw.

Grading:

- You will be graded on Accuracy of the figure, Proportions, Usefulness of the pose, and Neatness.
- Your group will also be evaluated on Layout.
- Remember that these are supposed to be used afterwards for portfolio illustrations. Therefore the size and layout should be appropriate for portfolio illustrations (adequately fill the page).
- **Keep ALL work oriented either portrait (vertical paper) or landscape (horizontal paper). Make your decision now.**
- Lines should be clean and accurate.

Hint:

- Draw your figures on regular paper and then TRANSFER the completed figure to your good paper using chalk transfer paper. Then ink the figure over the chalk transfer.



example of a completed figure