



What is the The Trace-Copy-Draw Method?

The Trace-Copy-Draw Method is a skill building technique that will empower you to draw ANYTHING from observation. Early on as an art teacher, I noticed that some students really struggled with drawing. It was not natural for them to copy what they saw and this led to great frustration and anxiety. Without intervention, these students would eventually believe they don't have a creative bone in their body and that they can't even draw a stick figure! I had to do something to change this misbelief!

The skill of perceiving needed to be developed at the most basic level. so I came up with this technique that uses hand-eye coordination movements with repetition and ensures artistic success. Most people think that only the talented can draw well. This technique will prove that anyone can learn how to draw just as easy as learning how to write your own name.

How to Practice the Trace-Copy-Draw Method

Supplies:

- printed image placed into a plastic page protector
- whiteboard or another plastic page protector with white paper inside
- dry erase marker with eraser
- white drawing paper
- pencil

1. Look for all the obvious shapes
2. Trace the outline edges of the shapes
3. Copy the traced lines onto the other whiteboard. Go back and forth with your eyes to compare both.
4. Erase and repeat steps 1-3
5. Erase and repeat steps 1-3 again, or until you feel comfortable and confident
6. After you're done practicing, you're ready for your final drawing.
7. Erase and set up paper and pencil
8. Trace the outline edges again with dry erase marker
9. Draw with pencil on paper