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Continuous Line Drawings by Nice'n Easy

Allison Matherly and Jeffrey Noble are better known as the prolific and acclaimed Miami-based artist collaborative Nice'n Easy. Their installations and interactive sculptures, including their YAA solo exhibition *InnerSpace*, aim to inspire introspection and meditation. With the following drawing exercises Nice N' Easy invites you to explore your own perception and imagination with two line-drawing activities designed to get your creative juices flowing using continuous lines. Share your line drawings with us and with the artists on social media @weareniceneasy

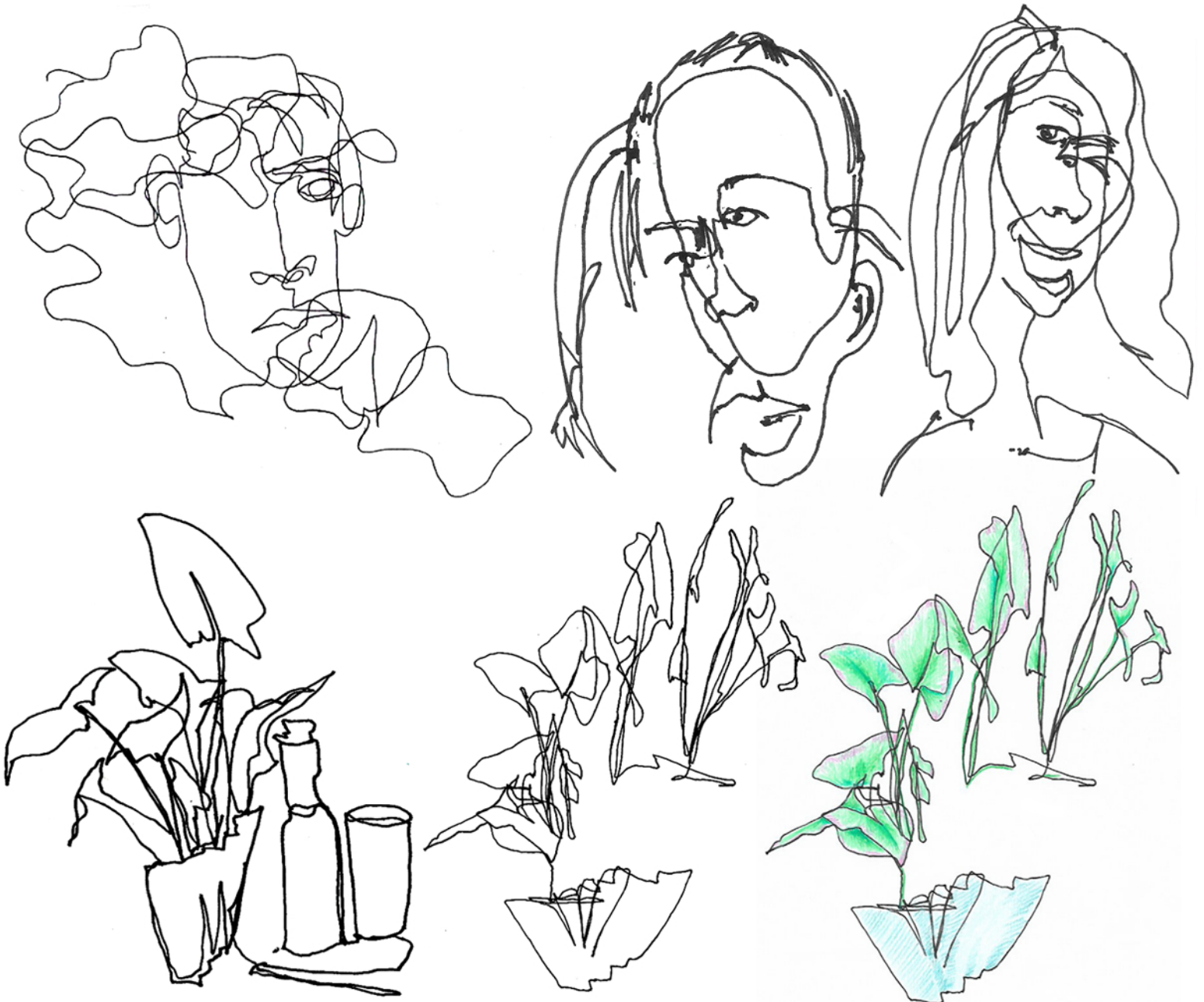
Blind Contour Drawing

Blind Contour Drawing is a drawing method where you create an outline of your subject and all the details within the subject by using just one single line! Look at some examples below drawn by Nice'n Easy. Can you guess what subjects they drew?

STEP 1. Pick something that you'd like to draw. It can be an object, pet, toy, still-life, friend or family member... or even yourself in a mirror! Get a blank piece of paper and a drawing tool like a pencil, pen, crayon or marker.

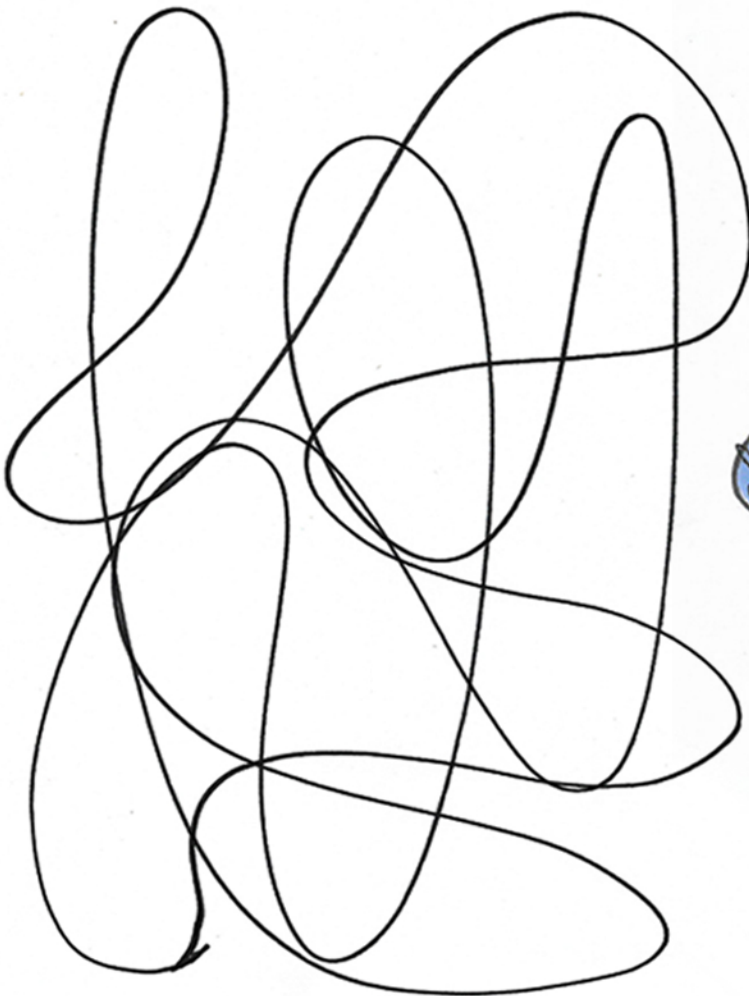
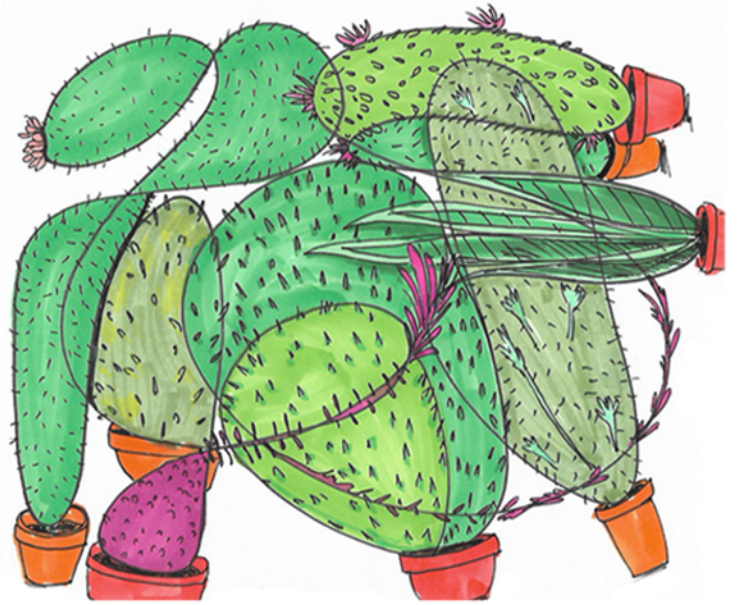
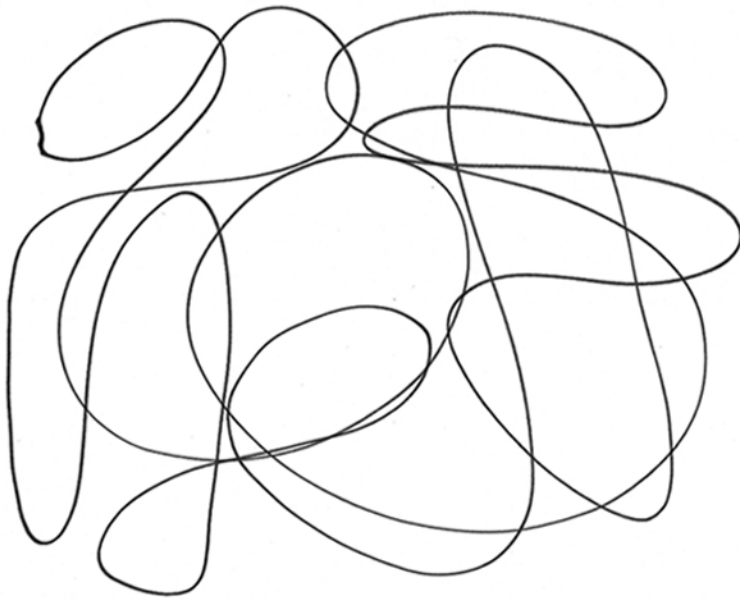
STEP 2. Find a spot on your paper to start your drawing and, while looking only at your subject and never looking down at your drawing, start to draw all the outlines and details of your subject with only one line! Never pick up your drawing tool until you are done and make sure that your entire drawing is created with one continuous line so that you can pay attention to each shape and outline in your subject as you draw.

STEP 3. Once you finish your drawing, look down and see how it compares to the real thing! Did you capture your subject using just one continuous line? Feel free to color in your line drawing using crayons, markers or paint!



Squiggle Drawings

Get another blank sheet of paper and your drawing tool ready for a continuous line Squiggle Drawing! Use your drawing tool to draw one single line, never picking it up until you've created a squiggle that crosses back over itself several times. Next, examine the different shapes you just made with your line and see what kinds of drawings you can create using those shapes! Do they look like animals, faces, plants, imaginary creatures? Look at the examples below by Nice'n Easy for inspiration!



Squiggle Drawing 2

Using the squiggle below created by Nice'n Easy imagine, what each shape made from the continuous line can become. Then draw the characters, animals, plants or imaginary creatures you see!

