

A – LEVEL ART | The Mundane

Visual Diary | 18 Challenges = 3 studies per week (feel free to do more!)

Task One: Make a sketchbook.

Task Two: Below is a list of everyday mundane activities for you to carry out over the summer. When you arrive in September you will begin work that will develop towards your Personal Investigation. The first term will be mainly tutor led, but carrying out some drawing activities over the summer will ensure you are keeping your eye in and not getting rusty. The aim of this is to keep you looking and thinking like an art student.

Some considerations when filling in your visual diary: Will you have one image per page or several? Could some studies be across a double page? Will you just draw directly in your sketchbook? Could you find materials when out and about and use those as surfaces to work on? How long will each study take? 1 hour, half an hour, 10 minutes, 1 minute, 10 seconds? In what ways can you introduce colour to your visual diary? What range of media could you use? Style. Will your pages be loose, expressive, neat, realistic, messy, precise, or a combination of all these things?

DRAW FROM DIRECT OBSERVATION WHEREVER POSSIBLE.



In no order, here is a list of 70 challenges. Feel free to do the whole list! It may be that some cross over, but you still need to make 18 separate studies. Also, don't copy photos of things! The point is to get you looking and seeing, away from phones, tablets, and computers. Apart from that it is far more rewarding!

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| View through a window or door | Cutlery | Chair | An interesting sign | Something fast |
| A cup of tea | Shoes | Plane | Riding a bike | Rubbish |
| A view in a park | Water | Airport | Taxi | A barrier |
| Fruit | Glasses | Beach | Walking in nature | Graffiti |
| Bed | Cake | Deckchair | Waiting in a queue | Something broken |
| Continuous line drawing | Leaf | Piles of books | Castle | A reflection |
| Shadow | Walking a dog | Colour | Takeaway | Flowers |
| Collage | Washing | Packing a suitcase | Playing a board game | Trees |
| Something old | Your Bedroom | Skincare | Surface | Landscape |
| Something new | Making your tea | Listening to music | Path | Breakfast |
| Table | Baking | Car | River | Keys |
| Someone watching Tv | Shopping | Passenger | In a café | Family member |
| Hands | Sport | Ticket | Toothpaste | Your favourite room |
| Feet | Reading | Ironing | Bubble bath | Tube or train station |