

FIGURE

Block-In Shape

GOAL

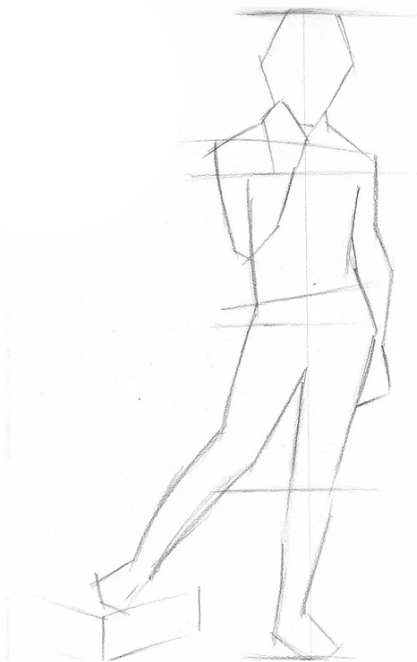
Learn how block-in shapes can help you accurately draw any figure.

TECHNIQUE

Envelope Shapes
Block-in shape

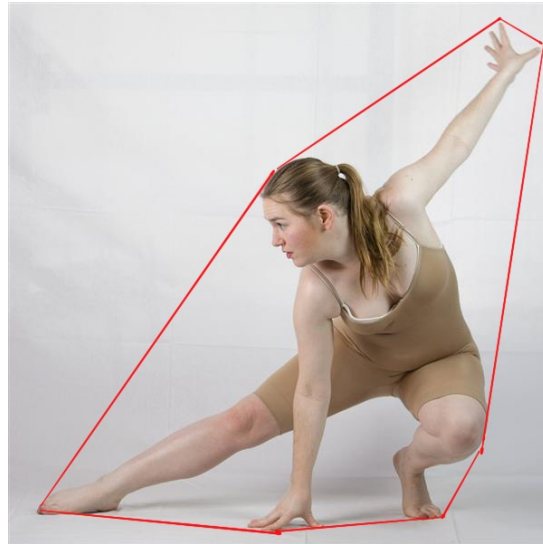
INSTRUCTION

Simply put, the **block-in shape** is a simplified, outline drawing of the subject being drawn. When drawing figures, the block-in shape becomes critical in creating a blueprint and guide for the artist. The block-in shape helps artist to bring the form to life and have realistic proportions and form.



Example of a block-in shape.

To draw the block-in shape, begin by drawing an envelope shape around the entire figure. Remember, this should only be a few lines to help you get a general idea of the shape and form of the figure.

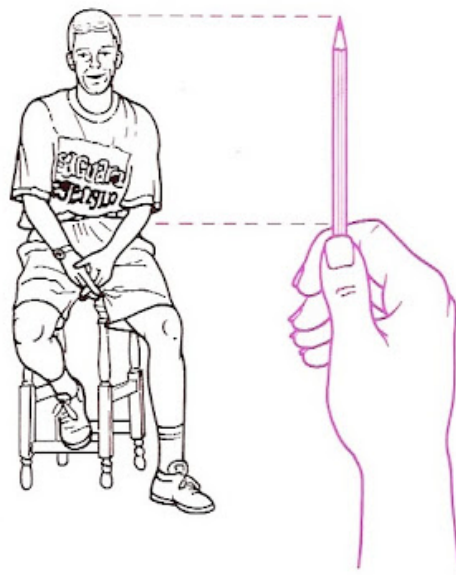


Example of an envelope shape.

Once you find the envelope shape, begin creating the block-in shape by further placing straight lines around the figure. Be sure to note the various angles and proportions of the body while creating your block-in shape.



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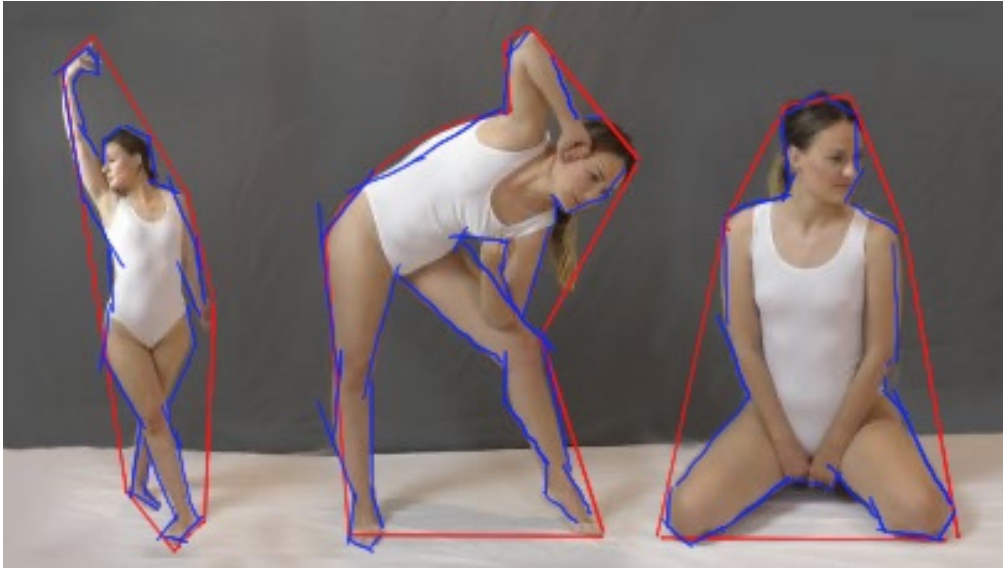


Example of how to use your ruler to check proportions while drawing your block-in shape

For additional help, watch this video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HzydK56tr9U&feature=emb_rel_pause

EXAMPLES



Examples of an envelope shape and block-in shape in a figure.



Examples of an envelope shape in a figure.

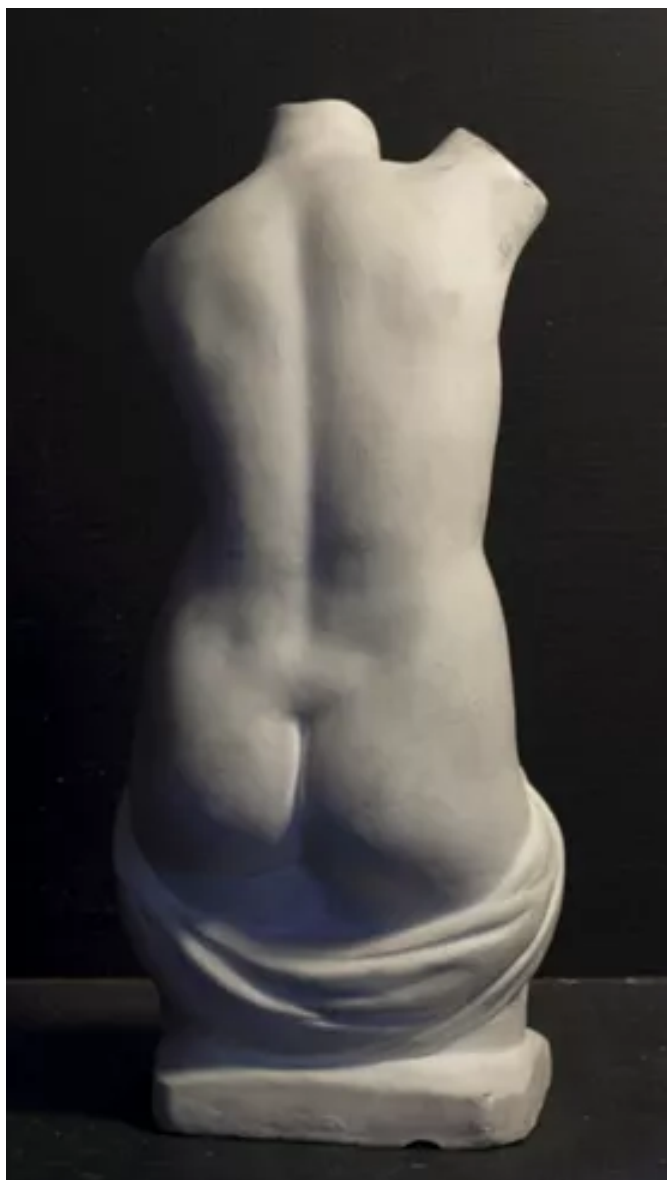
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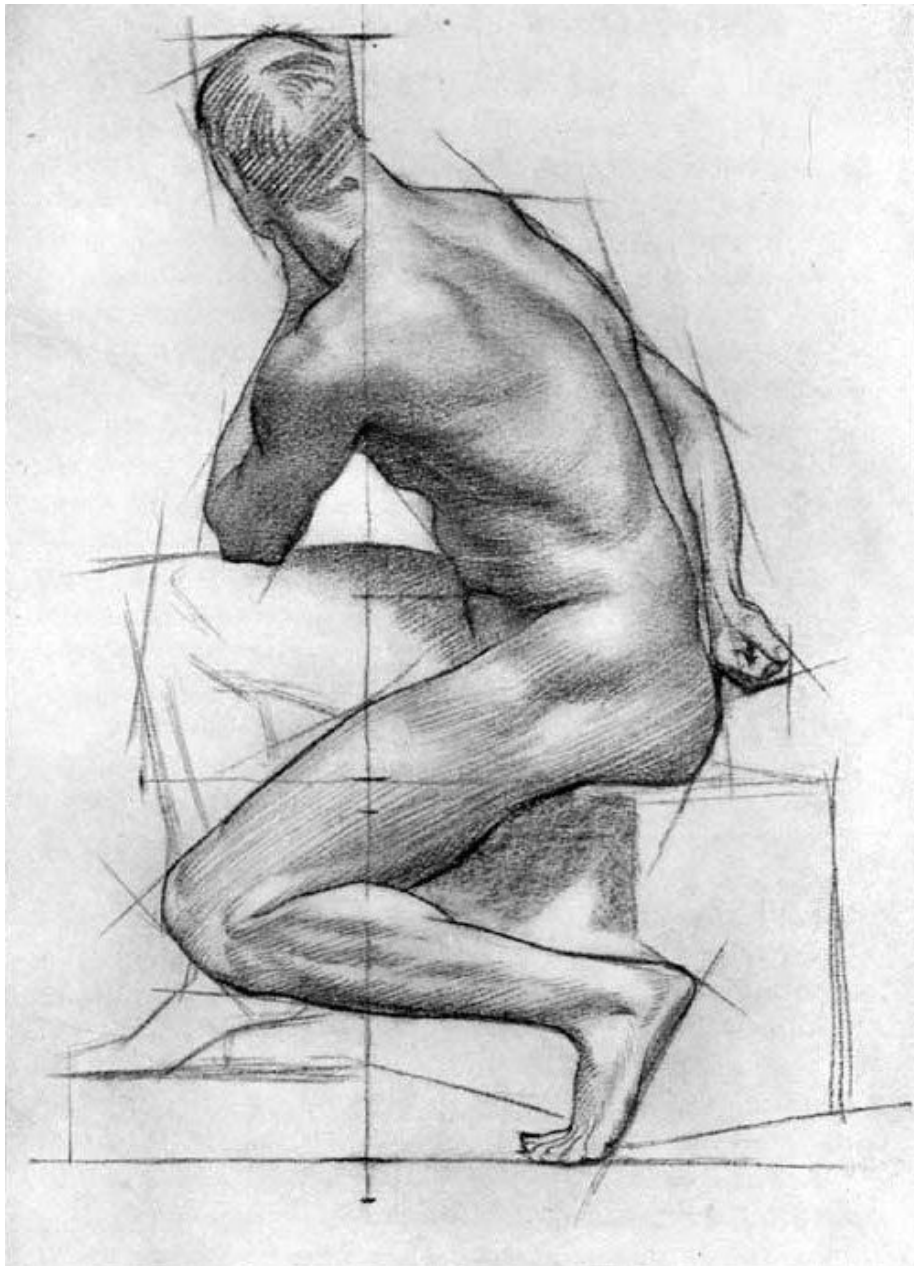
PRACTICE

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RESOURCES

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<https://www.thedrawingsource.com/drawing-figures.html>

<http://www.foundmyself.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=13&t=2800>