# Layered Colour Gestural Drawing

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Gestural drawing is a great exercise to help students make free, intuitive sketches. It reminds us to see the "whole" before putting down the detail of any single part of a drawing. Gestural drawing is fluid and energetic and can stand alone or be used as a preliminary sketch as the basis for a more developed drawing.

In this quick and easy exercise we used four colours of ink to help develop awareness of the stages of a gestural drawing, and to add an energy to the finished sketches.



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