THE STRIVING

MUSLIM ACADEMY

Islamic and Academic Education

STAGE 1 · ART AND DESIGN · DRAWING, PAINTING AND SCULPTURE

Drawing, painting and sculpture

Techniques to learn, things to make, and the questions to ask of your own work when it is finished.

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No answers at the back. There is nothing here to mark.

Written for a parent teaching at home. No training assumed, and nothing else to buy.

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Holding a pencil for drawing

Read this, then try it on the page underneath.



HOLDING A PENCIL FOR DRAWING

A pencil held near the point, like writing, makes small careful marks and is good for detail.

A pencil held further back, loosely, makes long light marks and is good for the shape of a whole thing.

Most children hold a pencil one way only, the writing way, and then wonder why their drawings come out small and tight. Start every drawing with the loose grip and change later.

Task 1: A line that does not stop



TASK 1

A line that does not stop

Draw a plant without lifting your pencil off the paper once. It will look odd. Do it three times and the third will be better than anything you would have drawn carefully.

The same thing from two sides

Go and look at a real thing. This is the lesson, not the warm up.



THE SAME THING FROM TWO SIDES

Put an object on the table. Draw it from where you are sitting. Then move to the other side of the table and draw it again without moving the object.

Compare the two. Nothing about the object changed. Everything about the drawing did, and that is what sculptors have to think about all the time.

SAMPLE PAGES

You have read a few pages. The pack is longer.

What you are holding is a short sample, taken from different parts of the pack so that you can see how a week is planned and what a child is actually asked to do, before you decide.

The complete pack, and the rest of the academic materials, are on our website: schemes of work for a parent teaching at home, and practice packs for the skills children get stuck on.

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