

Visual Artist

(1) Create three art pieces that make you happy in the medium you want to study.	Focus on having fun. Making art starts with enjoying the process of creation. Consider keeping an art journal or sketchbook to work in as you learn!
(2) Learn the seven elements of design. Spend 5-15 minutes each day practicing the use of one element or principle in an exercise or warm-up for 4 weeks.	The elements of design remain the same regardless of medium or style, as they are the basic tools used to make all visual art. They are <i>line, shape, form, color, texture, space, and value</i> .
(3) Learn the principles of design. Spend 5-15 minutes each day practicing the use of one element or principle in an exercise or warm-up for 4 weeks.	The principles of design are the ways you can use the elements of design to create an effect. They include <i>pattern, contrast, emphasis, balance, proportion, harmony, and movement</i> .
(4) Learn and practice the artistic techniques that are unique to your chosen medium. Create small pieces as you develop your skills. Let this stage go on as long as you feel you're learning!	Beginner art kits are a treasure trove of tips for making art in your chosen style, but you can also look online for more information or ask someone experienced for advice.
(5) Create an art piece that resembles one of the original pieces you made, using the skills you've developed and your knowledge of the elements and principles of design.	Once you are confident with following the "rules" of how to make art, you will be better prepared to know when and how to break those rules for effect. Go forth and create!