

Contour Shoe Drawings

Objective: Create a contour line drawing of a shoe with a colorful background.

Grade Level		Medium	Making Connections	Elements & Principles	National Standards
K-2	3-5		Ian Sklarsky	Line Shape	VA:Cr1.2 VA:Cr2.1
MS	HS				



Materials

- Drawing Paper
- Pencils
- Permanent Markers
- Markers, watercolor, or another medium to add color to the background

Introductory Activities

- Learn about and view artwork by blind contour artist Ian Sklarsky.
- Demo blind contour and/or contour line for your students or show them a demo online.
- Have students practice by creating a quick blind contour drawing of their own hand or the person sitting across from them.

1 Draw the Shoe

To begin, ask students to take off one of their shoes and set it on the table in front of them. Then, have students find a comfortable position from which to draw. Have the students start drawing in pencil. Remind students that they should only be drawing the contour lines! Note: To prevent embarrassment, have a few extra shoes in case a student doesn't feel comfortable removing theirs.

2 Trace the Drawing

After they are finished, have students trace their pencil drawing in permanent marker. Students can be disappointed that they won't be coloring in the shoe, so this is a nice place to add a little color. Students may even want to trace using a permanent marker that matches the color of the shoe they drew.

3 Create the Background

To finish the piece, add some sort of colorful or patterned background. Markers are a good choice as students can create patterns more easily, but there are lots of materials that would work well. You may even want to incorporate some color theory by requiring students choose from certain color schemes.



Insider Tips

- Make sure to focus on the proper way to draw shoe laces. Students often draw them as simple lines rather than as rectangular shapes.