Illustration Exercises

Exercise # 1
Using pencil or markers draw a cube or rectangle similar to the one shown to the left.

Begin by drawing a horizon line and the two vanishing points. Then using a straight edge proceed to construct the guidelines.

Finally indicated shading on the walls of the cube by means of stipple, or cross hatching.

Exercise # 2
Using your pencils or markers draw a simple shape such as a key. Then draw its cast shadow using cross hatch, stipple or spaced parallel lines.

Exercise # 3
Using your pencils or markers define a simple object by drawing only the positive exterior space around the shape.

Exercise # 4
Develop a single panel editorial cartoon for use in the newsletter you will be doing in class later this semester.

Begin by doing quick thumbnail sketches of your concepts. Then when you have a clear and simple concept draw it in pencil.

Write the gag line for the cartoon.

When you are satisfied with the final pencil drawing go back and finish the piece using your markers. Remember to use stipple and cross hatching to show volume and shadow.

HINT: Look at editorial cartoons in newspapers and magazines and study the drawing techniques used by the artists.

• Bring all of your work to class next Thursday (March 5th.)

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