

Learn How to Draw: The Human Figure

Only when you understand anatomy can you draw the figure in every pose and make it look convincing. In this tutorial, Linda takes you on the beginner's tour to **artistic anatomy**. You'll learn how women differ from men in body structure, the tools you'll need to begin to draw the human figure, and the route you'll need to take before you begin to draw the figure in detail.

In The Beginning...

Artists have studied the physical form for centuries, and each artist has his or her particular way of drawing the human form. But, each artist learned how to draw a realistic human form before he or she picked up the medium of choice or a particular style to render his or her paintings. Michelangelo, for instance, drew many, many examples of the human form before he was commissioned to paint the Sistine Chapel...



Unlike Michelangelo, you don't need to study cadavers to learn about the human form. You can, however, attend classes whenever possible. After all, even Picasso attended classes as he rendered somewhat realistic forms like this (1906)...

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