“Draw the Line”

**Objective:** Students will identify and apply a variety of line types and personalities

**Materials**
- 12x12 Drawing Paper
- 4x4 photocopy of an object
- Pencil, black marker or calligraphy brush and ink
- Erasers, rulers
- Light table or overhead

**Motivation**
- Talk about different line types, and how each type of line can evoke a different feeling or visual experience for the viewer.
- Go over new vocabulary and demonstrate different types of lines.

**Step 1: Find an Image**
Using the internet or a book, find a simple image for drawing. Crop it to 3x3 or 4x4 and print out.

**Step 2: Grid**
Create a 4”x4” grid on a 12”x12” drawing paper. On the perimeter of the paper, make a mark every 4 inches and then connect the marks using a ruler.

Once the grid is drawn, lightly, transfer/trace object into boxes. To keep the object centered in the box, draw corner marks on the photocopy prior to tracing.

Discuss the purpose and application of the terms using the grid model.

**Step 3: Apply Line Types**
Demonstrate how to apply line terms to object outlines with drawing tools. Using specific drawing and design vocabulary. Apply one line term to each box.

- Structural
- Outline
- Contour
- Gesture
- Sketch
- Calligraphy
- Line Personality (3)

**Tip:** This grid is a great formative assessment in drawing. Each month complete a drawing in one box to check for understanding.

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