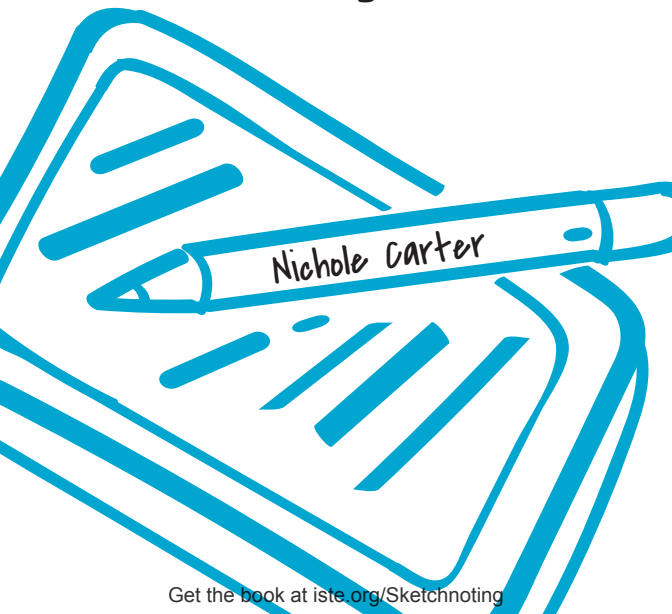


SKETCHNOTING IN THE CLASSROOM

A Note-Taking Companion



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SKETCH NOTES

EVERYONE CAN SKETCHNOTE; it just takes practice—it's a skill to study and perfect for your own learning and professional development. This is your journal, and there is no right or wrong way of working through it—just like there is no right or wrong way to sketchnote. Find your own stride and just get started!

Sketchnoting Essentials

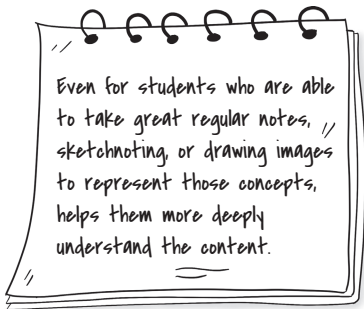
1. **VISUAL ALPHABET:** Use simple shapes stacked together to build icons and symbols.

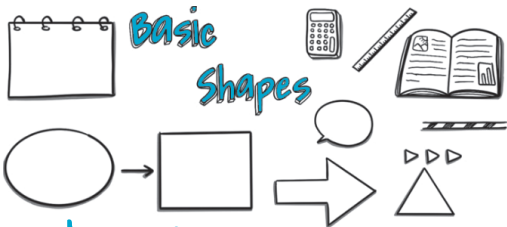


2. **VISUAL VOCABULARY:** The more you practice, the easier it is to draw regular items. This is how you build muscle memory. If students are about to read an article about a shark, give structure and support on how to draw a shark. Another technique is to show students quick ways to find out how to draw something, for example, searching for “shark hand drawn” or “shark illustration” in Google Images. Until the image is

a part of their visual vocabulary, students can get stuck when they don't know what to draw.

- 3. LISTENING COMPREHENSION SKILLS:** Learn how to synthesize information by looking for specific cues. Listen for words and phrases like “The three things that are the most important.” If a person is mentioned, try and draw them. If a sequence is presented, use containers and arrows to show flow and relationship. If dates are used, try a timeline. Figure out your structure, and get your title down before the lecture or lesson begins. Find a system that works for you.





Now You Try

use basic shapes as building blocks to:

- Make icons and symbols with your visual alphabet.
- Draw your eye to important information, as with a container—which can be very helpful when studying.
- Create flowcharts and show sequential order.

Now You Try

☐ crayon

☐ scissors

☐ computer

☐ pen

☐ paper

☐ desk

Now You Try

☐ robot

☐ plant

☐ sneakers

☐ magnifying glass

☐ t-shirt

☐ school

Now You Try

☐ clock

☐ flag

☐ school lunch

☐ soap

☐ map

☐ ruler

Now You Try

☐ milk carton

☐ basketball

☐ calculator

☐ paint brush

☐ shorts

☐ toothbrush

Now You Try

☐ dress

☐ swing set

☐ coffee cup

☐ tree

☐ hamburger

☐ ear

Power up Your Stick Figures



Start with a stick figure.

Add extra lines and circles to animate your figure.



Add accessories.



Add a face.



Add a nose to show direction.

Now You Try

Try Different Body Shapes



Triangle Body



Square Body



Peanut Shape Body

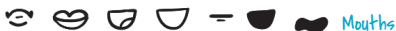


Star Body

Now You Try

Now You Try



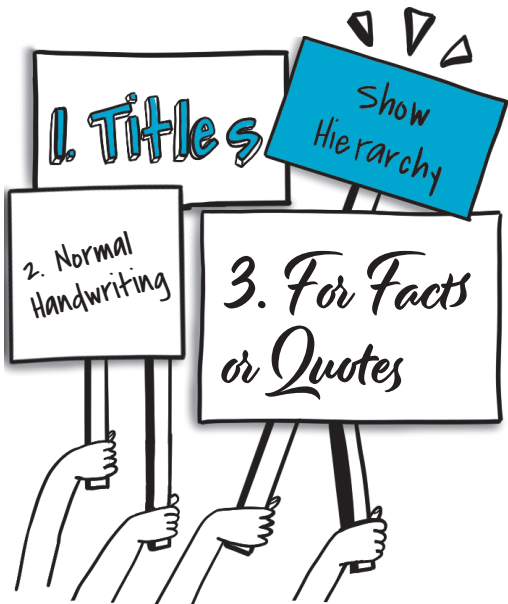


Now You Try

HIERARCHY

using size,
color, and other
sketchnote
essentials to
show priority in
your notes.

Pick 3 Fonts



Playing Around with Lettering

Cute, fun font

BOLD CAPS

TALL SKINNY CAPS

brush font

The quick brown fox
jumps over the
lazy dog.

Playing Around with Lettering

OUTLINE

ONLINE

"mixed-up" both
lower and upper
case

Play with shading

FANCY

The quick brown
fox jumps over the
lazy dog.

Quick Tricks For Numbers

1

7

use A highlighter

2

7

Outline

3

7

Add Table Legs

4

7

Connect Those Legs
With Lines

Or

5

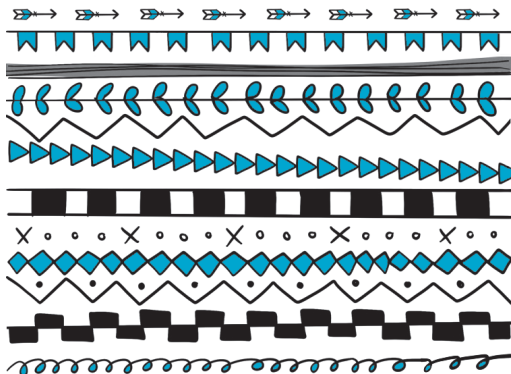
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Add shading Or
Hatching

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

Now You Try

How To Draw Dividers or Borders



Now You Try



How To Draw Arrows

Block Arrow

1



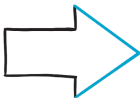
Draw a rectangle missing a side.

2



Add two lines pointing up & down.

3



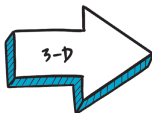
Add two lines to a point.

4

Variations



Drop shadow



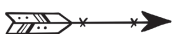
3-D



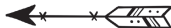
Solid

Now You Try

How To Draw Arrows



Fancy Arrow



1



Basic Shape

2



Add two parallel lines
for the feather.

3



Add two lines to the
shaft of the arrow.

4



Add two lines to a point
to form arrowhead.

5



Embellish

Now You Try

Thought bubbles
for questions

Containers

Can't draw
a straight line?
Go with it!

Tape

* parallel lines
* zig zag lines

push
pin

3-D

same
with
circles

Spiral
notecards

nails

Jazz up boxes

Post-it

Stitches

Containers can
take many forms!

use containers to:

- House quotes, vocabulary, and definitions.
- Help with structure and flow.
- Add interest to your sketchnotes.
- Highlight important information.

Now You Try





How to Draw Banners



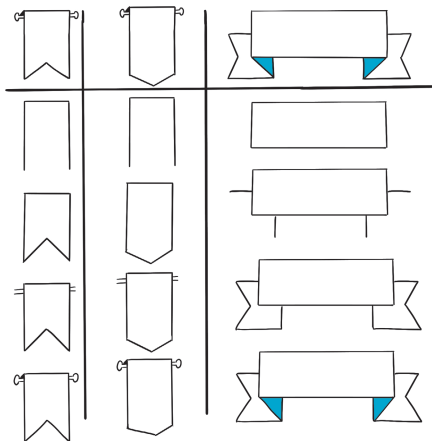
steps
↓

1

2

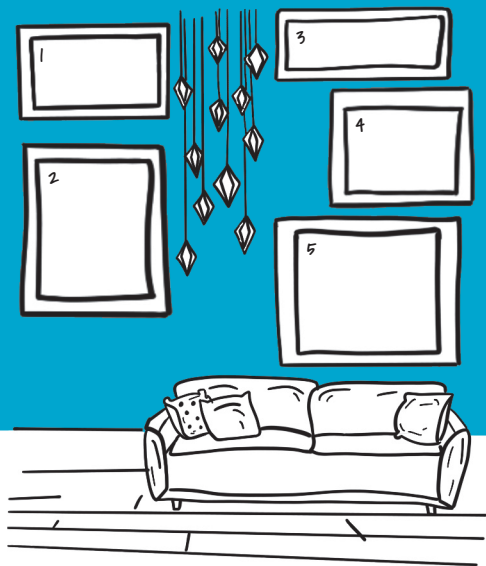
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Now You Try





Brainstorm 5 things
you would like to sketchnote.

Thirty Day Challenge

Go to futureme.org and write a letter to your future self.

Every day I will:

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30

X _____



With this journal,
a companion to

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Deepen Student Learning, you'll follow along with author/sketchnoter Nichole Carter as she walks you through the basics of visual note taking: drawing people; working with lettering; learning how to make borders, arrows, containers and more.

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