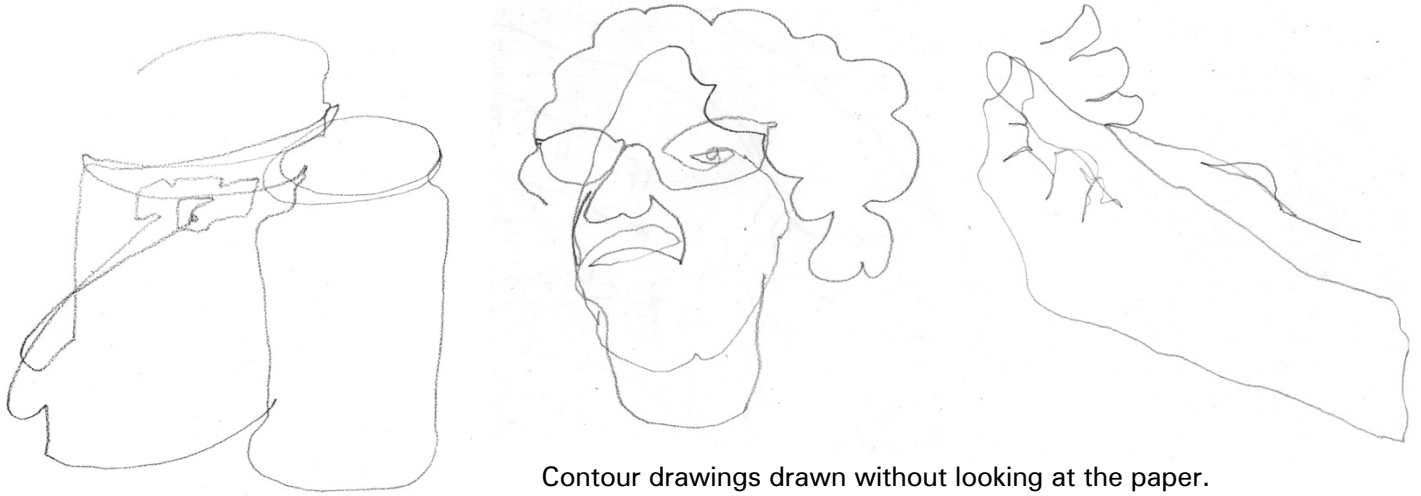


CONTOUR DRAWING

“The way to learn to draw is by drawing.” [Kimon Nicolaides, 1941]



Contour drawings drawn without looking at the paper.

Use a pen or pencil, but refrain from using an eraser. Draw on a large piece of paper (at least A4 size), using the whole paper.

Draw someone who will hold a pose still for 3-10 minutes, or draw a plant or any object. Sit close enough to see in detail.

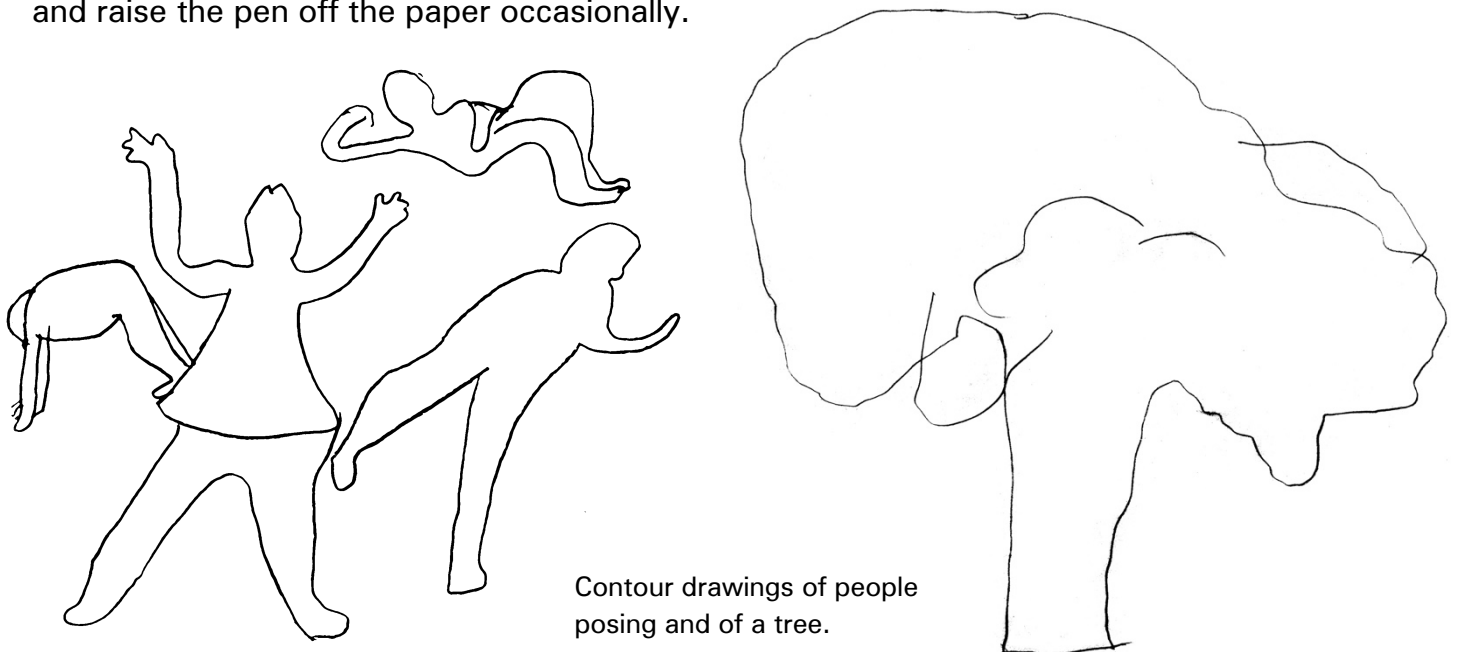
Look at the edges - the contour or outline.

Picture 1:

Look at the person, plant, or object, and do not look at the paper. Pick a place to start along the edge of the object and place your pen on the paper. Without picking your pen off the paper, draw the entire contour. Imagine that your pen is on the edge of the object as you draw it. Keep looking at the object, never at the paper.

Picture 2:

Draw the contour, the same as above, but allow yourself to look at the paper occasionally, and raise the pen off the paper occasionally.



Contour drawings of people posing and of a tree.