

HISTORIC HOMES



Façade of the Captain Elias Davis House, 1830. Pencil on paper.



HOUSE PORTRAITURE

Have you ever drawn a picture of your home? Did you know that some artists focus on house portraiture as their main subject matter? House portraiture can also be used as historical documentation of a home or neighborhood during a certain time period. For example, the drawing above of the Davis House was done by Captain Elias Davis's son, Soloman Haskell Davis. The drawing is framed and on display in the Davis House at the Cape Ann Museum. Now it is your turn to make a drawing of your home!

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Coloring materials
- Pencil
- Paper

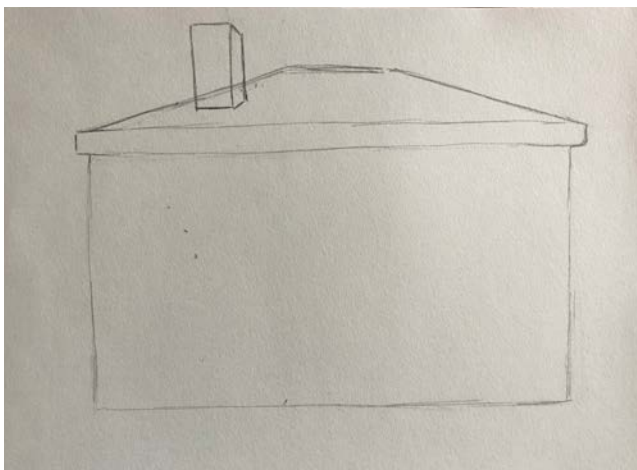
STEP ONE

Start by finding or taking a photo of your home or the building you would like to draw. Start your drawing by focusing first on the biggest shapes that you see and working down to the smallest.



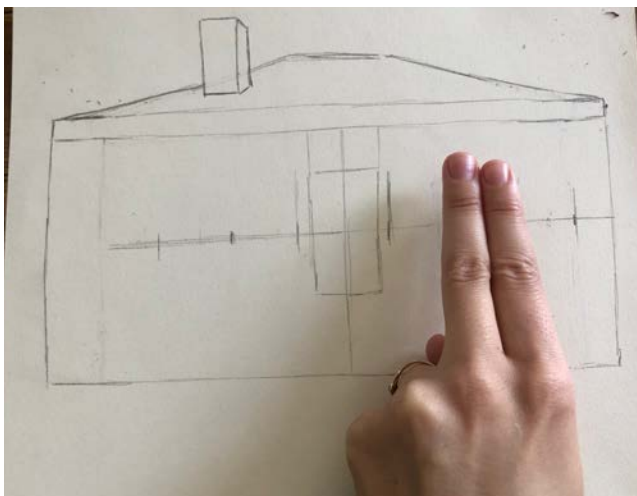
STEP TWO

The biggest shapes usually will be the building itself, the roof and the windows. Draw lightly with your pencil for easier erasing if you need to make changes to your drawing.



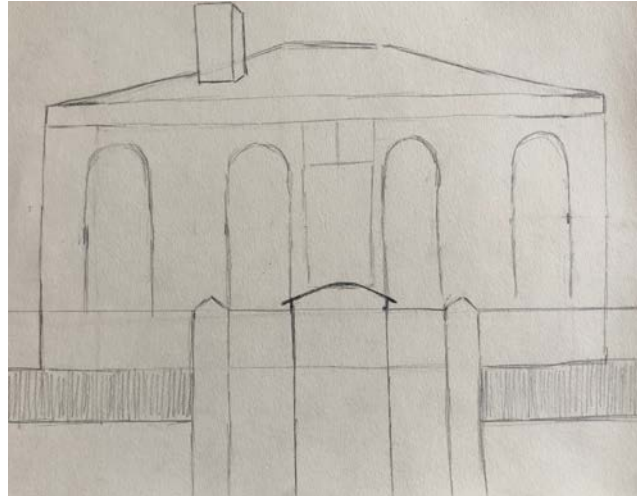
STEP THREE

Next you can use a grid to help you decide where to place windows and other smaller shapes. I used a four-square grid so I could see where the center of the building was. I then looked back and forth between my drawing and my image to best draw objects in the correct spot. Aim for likeness, not perfection! I used my fingers as a measurement tool, but you can also use a ruler to decide how far apart to space your windows. Each of my windows were two fingers apart from each other.



STEP FOUR

Continue to add in your shapes. After the windows were drawn, I added in the front gate. At this point all the big shapes that you see in your image should be drawn and you can move on to smaller shapes/details.



STEP FIVE

Here is where you will start to draw in all the smaller shapes and details. Focus on what makes your home or building unique. I added in the granite wall, the posts to the gate, the text on the banner, the sculpture in the middle, a tree and the buildings that are next to the museum.



STEP SIX

Once all your details are added and your drawing is done it's time to add color! You can use whatever coloring materials you would like. Have a parent or guardian post your creation to Instagram and use the hashtag #CAMkidscreate so we can share what you've made on our account!



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