

## 25 Sketchbook Prompts to Start 2025

(The prompts highlighted in color will be demonstrated during the live online class on Wednesday January 8th, 2025 with Instructor Adrienne Hodge)

1. *Three Blind Shoes:* Do 3 blind contour drawings of your shoe(s) using primary colors (markers or colored pencils).
2. *Zoom Studies:* Find a photo in your camera roll and zoom in/crop the photo until the subject matter is unrecognizable—then sketch 2-3 thumbnail sketches of the shapes, forms, texture, & value in the cropped photos. Add embellishments if desired.
3. *Negative Space in Your Pocket:* Remove the contents of your pockets or purse—sketch the negative space of these items.
4. *Pet Comic:* Make a comic strip or storyboard page about your pet or a pet in your friend/family circle.
5. *Camera Roll Roulette:* Close your eyes, scroll back in your camera roll, and tap on a random photo—set a 10-20 minute timer and draw this photo.
6. *Emotional Weather Report:* Make a list of emotions you are feeling. Then, set a 10-20 minute timer and draw some doodles that match your current emotional state (think of lines, colors, shapes, and forms that match these emotions).
7. *Musical Interpretation:* Listen to a song and illustrate how it makes you feel.
8. *Everyday Object:* Choose an everyday object and draw it from at least three different angles (above, below, from the side, etc).
9. *Fashion Sketch:* Design an outfit inspired by your favorite colors or styles.
10. *Food Art:* Illustrate a favorite dish or dessert in a creative way.
11. *Daily Gratitude:* Illustrate something you are grateful for today.
12. *Limited Color Nature Study:* Choose 2-3 colors (or multiple shades of each color) and illustrate a leaf, rock, or other object from nature using only these colors.
13. *Object Transformation:* Pick an everyday object and give it a fun twist (ex: turn a coffee mug into a creature).
14. *Finish the Image:* cut or tear out a snippet from a newspaper or magazine image, and glue it into your sketchbook. Then, complete the drawing or image. Add embellishments as desired.

15. *Wrinkle Study*: Draw a crumpled up wrapper or piece of paper.
16. *Local Landmark*: Draw a well-known landmark or building in your area.
17. *Texture Challenge*: Find 5 interesting textures in your environment (ex: carpet, grass, tree bark, wool sweater, tortilla chip, etc). Then, draw 5 small boxes and illustrate these items or parts of these items.
18. *Character Study*: Draw your favorite character from a movie, tv show, cartoon, or book.
19. *Seasons*: Illustrate a seasonal theme—fall leaves, winter snow, spring blooms, or summer sun.
20. *Alter Ego*: Create a character that represents what you'd be like if you were someone else.
21. *Favorite Quote*: Illustrate a quote that inspires you. Incorporate decorative elements around the quote.
22. *Catch a Moment*: Sketch a scene from your life today capturing a simple moment in time.
23. *Time Capsule*: Draw items that represent your current interests in life at this moment that you would include in a time capsule to be opened in the future.
24. *Insect Exploration*: Draw a close up view of an insect, focusing on its intricate patterns and details.
25. *Cultural Inspiration*: Draw something that represents a culture you admire like traditional clothing, architecture, or imagery from a cultural festival.