

DINOSAUR DRAWING 2025-26 SYLLABUS

Lesson 1: Tools and Techniques—1 Week

- Intro to pencils, paper, smear sticks, kneaded erasers
- Exercises in how to use these tools

Lesson 2: Measurement Techniques —1 Week

- Exercises in measuring dinosaurs
- How to use negative space
- Drawing some cartoon dinos

Lesson 3: Drawing Dinos at Angles (Profile and 3/4 Angle) —1 Week

- Using “blocks” to picture and draw bodies and heads
- Rounding and adding detail
- Basic Shading/Identifying light source

Lesson 4: Drawing Realistic Textures — 1 Week

- More detailed shading
- Intro to wrinkles, highlights, skin, scales, etc.

Lesson 5: Drawing Realistic Mouths and Teeth — 1 Week

- Start Drawing a T-Rex head
- Eraser techniques
- Drawing in mouth interior

Lesson 6: Shadows—1 Week

- Practicing identifying light sources
- Cast shadows and foot prints
- Difference between shading and shadows

Lesson 7: Backgrounds—1 Week

- Simple jungle backdrops using eraser
- Drawing plants from the Cretaceous Era
- Drawing rocks, cliffs, water

After these lessons, we will begin our list of fully finished dinosaur illustrations. This list is based on student input. Each dinosaur will be a 2-3 week project. We'll learn some facts about that species, and the environment it lived in. During those lessons, we will discuss matting work and using fixative to protect the drawing.

We will do our best to keep to this schedule. It is subject to change.