



Module 1

TASK 3: Finding your niche

To start, make a list of ten things that you feel excited by and that you would love to draw.

Feel free to ask yourself some questions to help spur ideas;

- Is there a specific topic you've always wanted to learn about?
- If you had the time to research anything in the world, what would it be?
- What did you love as a child but might of lost touch with as an adult?
- Is there a geographical location you feel particularly intrigued by?
- Have you ever wanted to learn a new skill?
- Do you feel passionately about any values, belief system or political ideas?

Write a list in your sketchbook and circle a few of your favourites.

1	6
2	7
3	8
4	9
5	10

In your sketchbook, fill a few pages of sketches based on one of your circled topics (or more if desired). You can approach this exercise similarly to taking notes on a subject, however rather than writing words you are drawing pictures. Allow for your sketches to be explorative and don't worry about being too self critical as these don't need to look like finalised illustrations. Feel free to research imagery relating to your chosen subject, you might want to refer to books, or a conduct a search online. If you have an object associated with your topic, try out an observational drawing from life. If your topic is related to outdoor space, feel free to take your sketchbook on a field trip to draw.

While this exercise is to get you thinking about topics of interest, the aim is also to get you drawing. Here are some drawing prompts to help you get a feel for form and shape, plus to experiment with mark-making;

- Draw with your non-dominant hand.
- Draw a blind contour drawing (keep your eyes focused on the subject, without looking down at your page).
- Draw a continuous line drawing (keep your pen on the page at all times).
- Draw the same object from multiple different angles.
- Draw with only two colours to pick out light and shadow.
- Experiment with texture and shadow, by cross hatching, stippling or shading.
- Draw by using scissors and paper to create a collage.

Feel free to share your work in the private members group on Facebook, and comment others works to encourage them!