

11 Sketching

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Today
Sketching: viewpoint
Start 20th Century Timeline
Project Time: discuss your main project ideas

Friday we'll do more timeline, and more shadow/shading for sketching practice. Maybe start on cylinders

Main Project Inspirations
A lot of late posts - why? Minute paper responses:

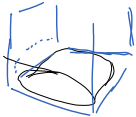
Did it on time 12
Don't know what to make 4
Slammed in other courses 6
Forgot 6
Forgot and it's because course is disorganized 2
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Total 28 responses. Some had two reasons.

Critique Responses
When is reasonable to ask you to respond to critiques? Assume you've posted on time, and your critiques came in Sunday night.

Consensus: Wednesdays are best; folks look at comments on the previous post when they are writing the next one. Should responses be required? Well, maybe. It's polite to at least acknowledge getting the critique. I'll ask Behruz how much work it would be to track the responses.

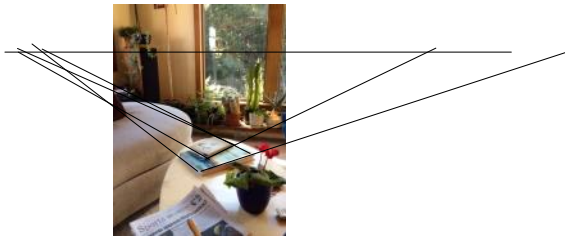
Sketching: Boxes, more Shadow, start Cylinders
Why so much focus on boxes? Boxes are boring, but they make great scaffolds for other objects



Previous Exercises
Exercise 1: Draw a stack of horizontal and
Exercise 2: vertical surfaces. In both, note the foreshortening, how a surface narrows as the surface rotates and moves away from the frontal, or central perspective.
Exercise 3: draw a book standing up on a surface, with pages spread out all around
Exercise 4: Draw a rotating cube in flip book format, maybe at the corner of your sketchbook. Have something come out of the cube at the end for fun.

Success? Yes, good on horizontal and vertical stacks. Want some class time now? No. Or move on to new content? Yes.

Exercise 5: What is realistic for viewpoints? Take some snapshots of rectangular shapes, draw on them, extending lines to see where vanishing points are, and where shading and shadows are.



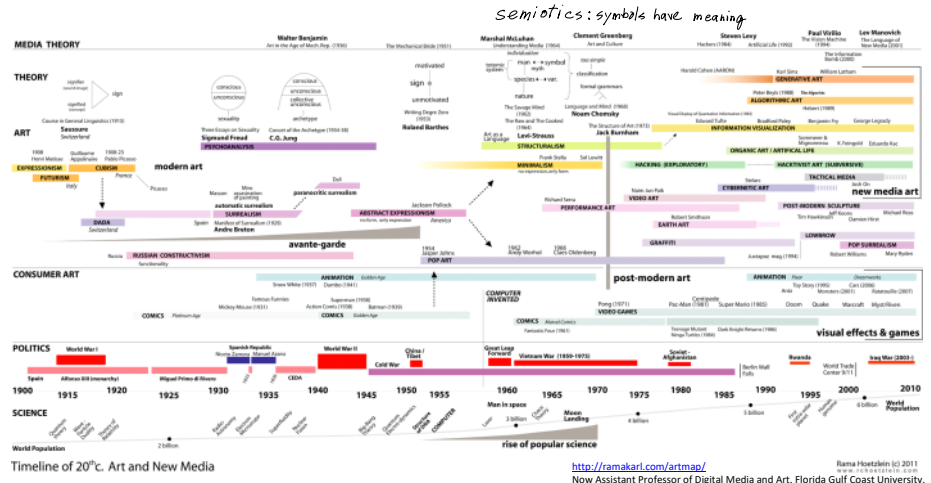
Quick Boxes: Rubber Band Hack

From Morgan Ulrich
Box sketching with close vanishing points
<https://www.facebook.com/3min.crafts/videos/919907748151811/>

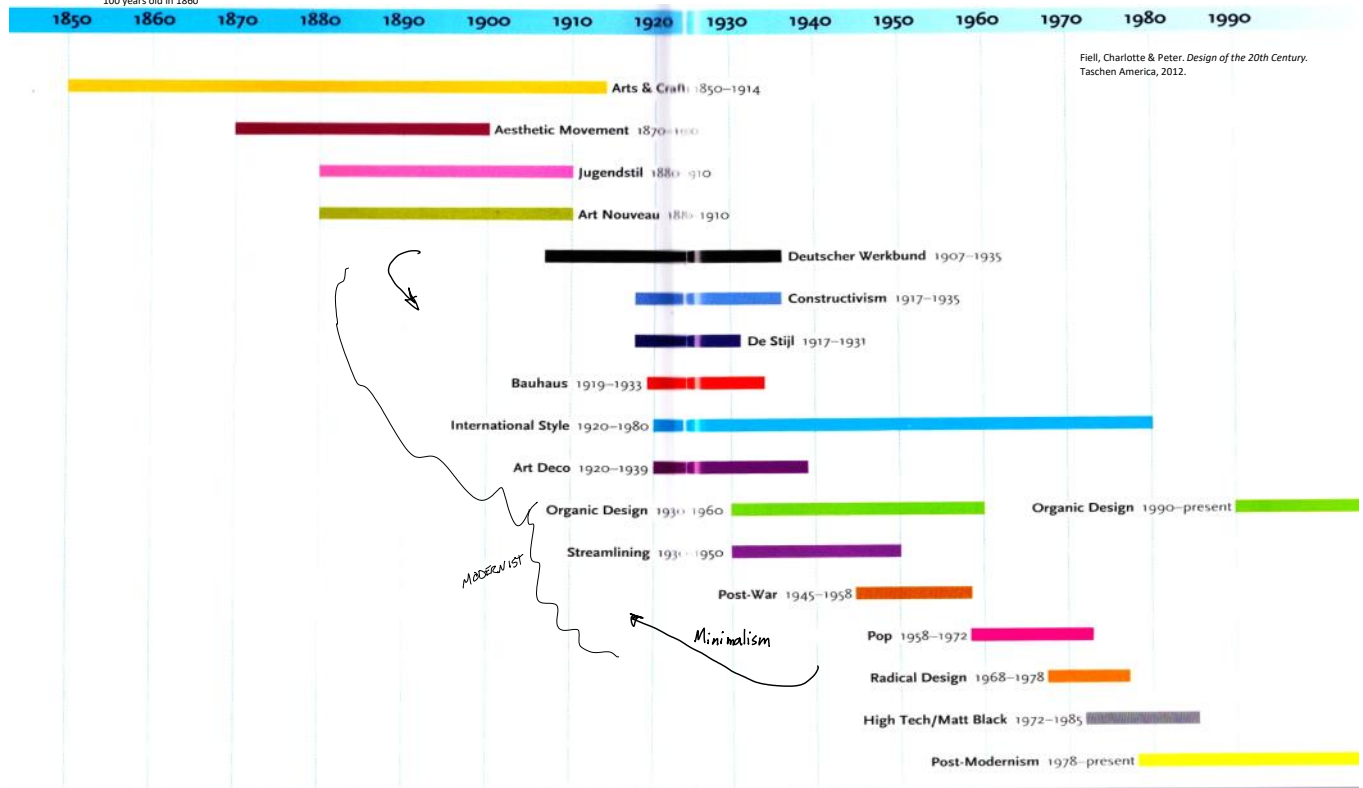
This is a handy technique if you have fixed vanishing points, fairly close together. And you have a string or rubber band.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXK47Gfo7I> Rubber band hack. Works for parallel surfaces only.

History of design

is relatively short, as professions go
Convoluted with history of science, culture, art etc.
Our current aesthetics all have roots in recent history. It's important to be able to recognize what influences us. To know what has gone before, and so know what is truly new, and what is truly you.



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