Quotes on Drawing

**Drawing and Learning**

The very act of drawing an object, however badly, swiftly takes the drawer from a woolly sense of what the object looks like to a precise awareness of its component parts and particularities.

Alain de Botton

Drawing not only develops hand-eye coordination, it teaches one to really observe, to see, as nothing else ever will.

Nancy Marculewicz

It is often said that Leonardo drew so well because he knew about things; it is truer to say that he knew about things because he drew so well.

Sir Kenneth Clark

An individual's ability to draw is... the ability to shift to a different-from-ordinary way of processing visual information – to shift from verbal, analytic processing to spatial, global processing.

Betty Edwards

Drawing is the discipline by which I constantly discover the world.

Frederick Franck

**Drawing and Thinking**

What do drawings mean to me? I really don't know. The activity absorbs me. I forget everything else in a way that I don't think happens with any other activity...

John Berger

For me, drawing generates thinking and vice versa.

Helmut Jahn

Drawing is putting a line around an idea.

Henri Matisse

Drawing is one of the best ways to meditate, while staying connected to the world around us.

Elsha Leventis

I'm just interested in meditating on certain ideas, and I like to draw: that's my way of thinking.

Ben Nicholson

Daydreaming with pencil and paper is a respectable form of meditation.

John Howe

Drawing makes you see things clearer, and clearer, and clearer still. The image is passing through you in a physiological way, into your brain, into your memory - where it stays - it's transmitted by your hands.

Martin Gayford
**Drawing and Expression**

*We should talk less and draw more. Personally I would like to renounce speech altogether, and like organic nature, communicate everything I have to say in sketches.*

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

*Drawing is the representation of form – the graphic expression of a visual experience.*

Walter J. Phillips

*To draw, you must close your eyes and sing.*

Pablo Picasso

**Drawing and Artistic Practice**

*Draw everywhere and all the time. An artist is a sketchbook with a person attached.*

Irwin Greenberg

*When my daughter was about seven years old, she asked me one day what I did at work. I told her I worked at the college - that my job was to teach people how to draw. She stared back at me, incredulous, and said, 'You mean they forget?'*

Howard Ikemoto

*Drawing demands that the artist pause, to be.*

Pat Oblak

*Draw every day for at least half an hour. If you don't feel like it, then draw until you do.*

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*A line is a dot that goes for a walk.*

Paul Klee

*Drawing is risk. If risk is eliminated at any stage of the act it is no longer drawing.*

Lorne Coutts

*We all have 10,000 bad drawings in us. The sooner we get them out the better.*

Walt Stanchfield