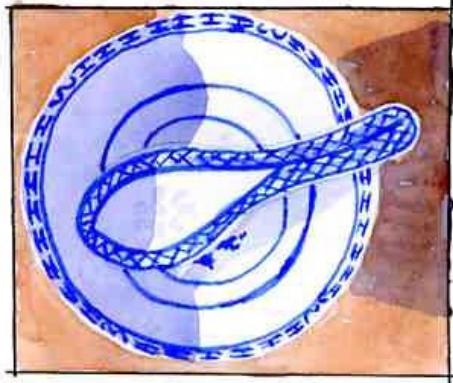


Six things to sketch...

Here's a fun exercise that will get your creative juices flowing and will help you to find something to draw whenever you are stuck for a subject.

1. Start by drawing 6 boxes into a sketchbook or onto a sheet of paper. Make them different sizes and shapes as shown here – some square, some tall and thin, some rectangular, etc..
2. Then go into the kitchen, the garage, the garden, the attic, or look in a toy box or in the bedroom, and find 6 things to draw there. Try to find objects that you would not normally think interesting!
3. Choose a different style of drawing or painting for each of your objects and try to fit them into the boxes in as interesting a way as you can. Remember that the box forms part of the composition.



Here are my sketches from the kitchen.

Clockwise from top left:

vase of flowers drawn with a 2b pencil;

Chinese bowl and spoon, viewed from above and painted in watercolour;

ink pen line drawing of a chocolate wrapper and four squares of chocolate;

mushrooms and garlic in 2b pencil using expressive marks;

coffee maker drawn in pen and cross hatched for shading;

fork drawn in 2b pencil.

