

Contour *line* Drawing

facts:

- A contour is the edge of something.
- Contour drawings use line to show the edge of an object.
- Lines can also describe texture and pattern.
- Contour drawings **never** use shading.

There are two types of contour drawing:

one:

A **Pure contour**, or blind contour drawing is created when you do not look at your paper while you are drawing. Your pencil or pen never lifts off the page, and you must examine the object which you are drawing very carefully; travelling across the edges of your object with your eyes. Imagine you are a tiny ant crawling across the contours of your object. Pure contour drawings are often out of proportion and strange-looking, so don't worry — they are supposed to look odd!

two:

A **Modified contour** is created when you look at your object and your paper for equal amounts of time. This enables you to check the placement of your pencil or pen, and to check proportion.



Seurat's by Pablo Picasso, 1920





