



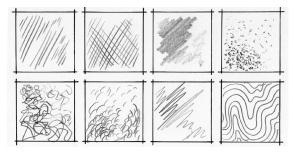
It's me, Mary, from <u>cravecainting.com</u>. As promised in my article <u>**The 15-minutes-**</u> <u>a-day Drawing Exercise Routine</u> here is the summary for you to print out and take with you wherever you go.

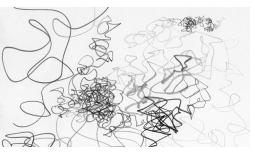
Remember, a mere **15 minutes** of targeted practice a day can help you advance your technique over time and raise your confidence.

# The 15-minutes-a-day Drawing Exercise Routine

### Minutes 1-2: First Stroke of the Day

Fill as much of a sketchbook page as you can with one of the strokes that ought to be in every drawing artist's repertoire, or any others you can think of. Here are a few ideas of what you can vary and experiment with: size, spacing, direction, thickness, crispness/blurriness, darkness, layers, accuracy.





### Minutes 3-4: Second Stroke of the Day

Fill another page with a second stroke, just like above. If you've gone through them eventually all just start over and repeat.

## Minute 5: Combine the Strokes

Combine and layer your two strokes of the day. Remember to vary also how you draw them.

### Minutes 6-7: Shape of the Day

Pick a shape, such as a lines, circles, ellises or rectangles and fill a sketchbook page with it. Vary size, pressure and direction for extra benefit.

### Minutes 8-9: Texture of the Day

Choose a texture to draw, such as wool, metal or even clouds and experiment with different strokes to see which combination works best.

### Minutes 10-11: A Case for Pillows

Take a pliable pillow (or towel or scarf) and set it down in front of you in an interesting shape. Then draw its outline, folds and a bit of shading.

### Minutes 12-15: Quick, sketch!

End your routine with a series of quick sketches of 30 seconds or less. It helps your speed if you sketch moving subjects, such as people or animals.