Gesture Drawing

Find the Figure
Gesture drawing is a way to quickly capture a figure or scene:
Gesture Drawings capture movement and energy
Gesture drawings are NOT contour drawings: not just the outline...
Artists use gestures as a practice or study for a finished artwork.
Let’s look at **ANATOMY** and the proportions of the human figure:
Human Adult Proportions

- Adult is 7-8 heads tall.
- Shoulders are 3 heads wide.
- Hands fall halfway between knee and hips.
- Legs are as long as torso and head.
Measuring the Figure
Everything is measured by head lengths
Tips for measuring lengths and angles

• Only open 1 eye so you don’t see 2 pencils or 2 models...try it!
Tips for measuring lengths and angles

• Keep arm extended when measuring! If you bend your elbow, it will drastically change the size of your measuring tool compared to the model...
Tips for measuring lengths and angles

• Think of the angles of the model like the angles of a clock:
We will spend a few classes sketching gestures and observing the figure...
We will start with 10 minute gestures
And move down to 30 second gestures
Today’s Assignment

• Copy the human proportion slide
• Sketch 3 different figures in various positions using the proportions that you learned
• I will be coming around to help you but try it on your own first!
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