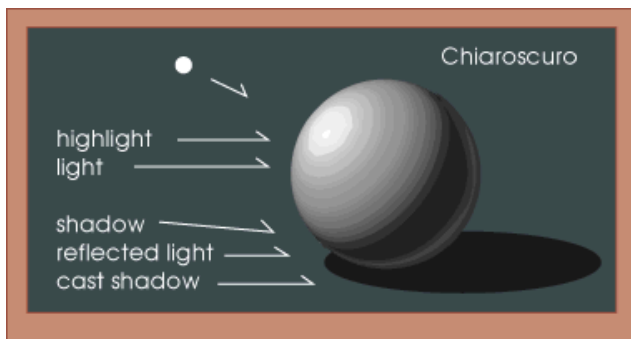


How to Draw a Hummingbird

Objective: Learn the basics of how to draw a hummingbird with basic shapes and add value through the method of chiaroscuro.

Chiaroscuro is an Italian word that literally means light and dark. This way of working was devised during the Italian Renaissance and was used by artists such as Leonardo da Vinci and Raphael. In this system, if light is coming in from one predetermined direction, then light and shadow will conform to a set of rules (see the sphere below). The more technical use of the term chiaroscuro is the effect of light modeling in painting, drawing or printmaking, where three-dimensional volume is suggested by value gradation and the analytical division of light and shadow shapes - often called "shading".



Supplies Needed:

Paper
Eraser
Graphite Pencils or #2 pencil
Hummingbird Reference

Value Scale

- Begin with a value scale of 5 values.
- This is a gradation from light to dark. You can have a scale with 10 to 12 steps but we are going to start with 5 to make it more simple.
- Start with a simple sphere to practice.
- Use hatching lines close together to slowly build up value.
- You should have a light source, medium values where the light starts to move away from object and the darkest point.

- Notice the reflective light at the bottom, where the light hits the surface and bounces back up.
- The cast shadow on the surface.

Ready to Draw Our Bird!

Note: This is a photo that I took when I was in Costa Rica. Please use it! You want to make sure that any reference photos that you use are royalty free, or make sure that you change the artwork enough so that you are not copying the photographer.



Now that we practiced with a sphere, we can definitely draw a bird right? You've got this. Let's start with basic shapes.

- Circle for the head.
- Egg shape for the body.
- Long line for the beak.
- Circle for the eye, etc.

Next, we add value

- We will be working the same way that we did before, using hatching and/or cross hatching marks. If you look at this bird, the light is coming from the top right. It was a little overcast this day (we were in a rainforest). Light will catch on the top of head, back and beak.
- You can draw the stand, or just a suggestion.
- Keep going until you feel that it is complete! Use this method to draw another bird or other animal!
- Post what you create in the Discord Group!