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Step 1. (15 minutes) Set up for the medium and tools of choice.

Step 2. (20 min) Choose a reference source from the provided PDF photographs below. Use a pencil and sketchpad to create several warm up sketches.

Step 3. (5) Try an abstract line drawing based on the photo. You can try to make it different enough so that it's hard to recognize the subject, or just stylize it a little bit. You can also just go for a realistic version if you like.

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Step 4. Begin drawing or painting, using a variety of Brushes for different effects. Clean edges and lines are much easier to create when the paint is a very fluid. Enjoy yourself and see what you can do.



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