

MONTHLY CHALLENGE // DRAWING TREES



MEDIUM: you can use any medium you like!

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This month we will be **drawing trees** together!

Use the reference images provided above, and make a few different studies of trees. You can stick closely to the reference images to focus on technique, or you can stylize and exaggerate them to give the sketches your own twist.

TIPS

- **Exaggerate the shapes** and gestures of the trees so that you get something truly unique and creative for each sketch!
- **Simplify** the detail in some areas and **push** them in others to create an interesting mix of stylization and realism.
- Use some **textured brushes** to get some complexity in your sketches!

HELPFUL RESOURCES

STYLIZING TREES & PLANTS

This tutorial runs you through how I stylize trees and plants, as well as analyze the original reference image.

EXERCISES FOR IMPROVING YOUR SKILLS

This tutorial runs you through how you can apply a different area of focus to each sketch.

□ PROCESS VIDEO // FOREST

This video shows the process for my Forest painting, which focuses heavily on a stylized tree.

BONUS CHALLENGE

Add a character and/or background to one of your tree studies.

- Add some visual elements that suggest a relationship between the character and the tree.
- Try to apply the same exaggeration and stylization of your tree sketch to the character as well.