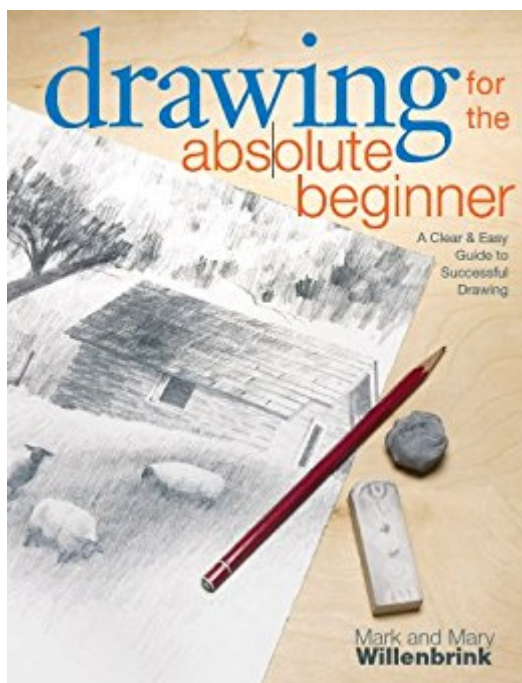


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# Drawing For The Absolute Beginner: A Clear & Easy Guide To Successful Drawing (Art For The Absolute Beginner)



## Synopsis

This inspiring book makes drawing in a realistic style easier than you may think and more fun than you ever imagined! Authors Mark and Mary Willenbrink (*Watercolor for the Absolute Beginner*) cover it all—from choosing materials and the correct way to hold your pencil, to expert advice on the tricky stuff, like getting proportions and perspective right, drawing reflections, and designing strong compositions. (It's not as scary as it sounds—not with Mark and Mary as your guide!) At the heart of this book, a series of fun, hands-on exercises help you practice and perfect your strokes—24 mini-demos lead up to 9 full step-by-step demos. Each exercise builds on the previous one as you develop your skills, build your confidence, and enjoy yourself along the way. The lessons you learn by drawing simple subjects such as coffee mugs, clouds and trees will help you take on progressively more challenging matter like animals, still lifes, landscapes and portraits—the kinds of subjects and scenes you've always dreamt of drawing. This book is just the ticket for budding artists of any age. It's never too early and never too late to discover the pure joy of drawing!

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Not even remotely for the "absolute beginner". The book starts off by immediately jumping into determining light values in different forms. What? I haven't even drawn a square yet, and you're asking me to shade a coffee mug in different forms with almost no instruction? The book is broken into mini examples that you are supposed to mimic, however even the very first example require previous drawing knowledge and experience. But rather than talk about it, I've attached a photo of the steps 3 and 4 (out of 4 total steps, although step 1 technically isn't a step) of the 5th mini example (out of like 30) you are supposed to follow.

Even an intermediate student, in an art class, would struggle with this text. You are not given clear instructions, you are just given expertly rendered pictures that if you are a beginner you have no chance at all of duplicating. I should have known it was a loser when it started out teaching you to draw a coffee cup without telling you you should have a coffee cup in front of you to draw. You were meant to just follow their exceedingly difficult instructions that leave you frustrated, demoralized, and ready to put down your pencil forever. Shame on these people for putting this book out, just to make themselves feel like hot shot artists and leave the rest of us in the dust. I'm an absolute beginner, I believe I can learn to draw, but not with this poorly done book. To say it is for absolute beginners and the title is misleading to the point of being false advertising. I feel cheated. These people are dishonest. I wish them well in their Rembrandt quality art that no beginner has a prayer of duplicating.

I noticed our drawing instructor used illustrations from this book. I enjoyed the book, and it is for beginners.

Ordered this book in combination with other drawing tools and paper as a gift. For a beginner book on drawing, this is one of the best I've ever seen. It's very easy to understand and loved all the pictures showing step by step directions. This was a great buy.

good book ,wish i could read

It's really funny. I can paint (acrylics) but I can't draw. I've been looking for a guide that really starts at the beginning, explaining not only what to do but why you may want to use the technique. I found that this answered my questions better than other books I've looked at.

seems like an ok book but not exactly what I thought it would be

Way too much theory and way too less hands on. If you really want to learn how to draw buy another book. There are so many good books out there but this is not the one to get. This book describes some basic principles over and over again and lacks some important information elsewhere. For example: They describe several different perspectives with just some lines. I mean the ability to draw things and use different perspectives is what almost every beginner lacks. Get the book "Perspective made easy" instead. Will help you more!

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