

The Giant List of Sketchbook Ideas

- 1 Draw the inside of your closet
- 2 Draw the contents of your desk drawer
- 3 Just before your room is cleaned, draw it
- 4 Inside of your refrigerator
- 5 Inside your garage
- 6 Draw your dad's work table
- 7 Before the dishes are washed, draw them
- 8 a pile of laundry waiting to get washed
- 9 yourself in a mirror
- 10 your brother/sister doing an activity, such as playing video games
- 11 your friend, or an enemy
- 12 yourself your toenails
- 13 your hand holding an object that is important to you.
- 14 your bird, cat, dog, fish, snake, leopard, lobster doing something strange
- 15 what is in the rear-view mirror of your car
- 16 a dead bird in a beautiful landscape
- 17 a flower growing next to a turned over garbage can
- 18 raw chicken parts; cooked parts; after eaten parts
- 19 a piece of cake and make it look delicious
- 20 eggs in the shell, scrambled, then over easy
- 21 one popcorn kernel popping, draw an opened bag of popcorn
- 22 a raw steak, steak bones
- 23 moving water, still water
- 24 a clear glass full of ice cubes
- 25 an object when looking through a tube or a microscope
- 26 an object seen through glass (how does the glass make a difference)
- 27 something floating, like a boat or a beach ball
- 28 a dark object in a light environment
- 29 a light object in a dark environment
- 30 Lie on the floor, draw what is eye level
- 31 Dig a hole, put an object in the hole, then draw the object and the hole—pay attention to shadows.

- 32 Fill in the hole, partially cover up the object, draw it emerging from the ground.
- 33 Find a quiet place in a crowd, draw the crowd
- 34 Find a quiet place, draw the quiet
- 35 Find a noisy place, draw noise
- 36 On the school bus, draw your friends on the way to school, draw your friends on the way home Is there a difference?
- 37 Shine a light through an open structure such as a woven basket, draw the cast shadow
- 38 an object that is lit by the light coming through mini blinds
- 39 a portrait that is lit by the light coming through mini blinds
- 40 an object that is lit by a candle
- 41 a figure that is lit by a candle
- 42 your sister/brother by the light cast by the TV or computer screen
- 43 your father/mother by the light cast from the TV or computer screen
- 44 an apple, pear, banana...
- 45 a partially eaten apple, banana, pear...
- 46 Draw a scoop of ice cream, pay attention to texture and highlights.
- 47 Tighten a C clamp on an unexpected object (like a banana) and draw it.
- 48 Draw an object with a distinctive shape that is tightly wrapped in aluminum foil or plastic wrap or string.
- 49 Copy the Mona Lisa.
- 50 Make changes to the Mona Lisa to suit yourself
- 51 Make changes the Mona Lisa to suit your art teacher
- 52 Put Mona Lisa in a contemporary setting
- 53 Copy any work of art older than you, then remake work of art in your way.
- 54 Create a work of art that says something about the environment
- 55 Create a work of art that says something about the world situation
- 56 Create a drawing that is pure propaganda about any

issue you feel strongly about. Look up the definition of propaganda.

- 57 something is totally truthful.
- 58 something that is a lie.
- 59 A photo from another country
- 60 What Animals dream when they sleep
- 61 If I Could Fly
- 62 A detailed drawing cheeseburger with all the fixings.
- 63 a scene from a Video Game
- 64 a scene from A Garden
- 65 The Planet Zorb
- 66 Under The Big Top
- 67 The Biggest Ice Cream Sundae In The World
- 68 Things With Wings
- 69 A day in the Life Of A Bee
- 70 Deep, Deep In The Ocean
- 71 I'm Having A Bad Hair Day
- 72 Cakes, Cookies, And Pies in a bakery window
- 73 Clown School
- 74 Inside of a space ship
- 75 Look! I Found A Treasure Chest!
- 76 My Very Own Starry, Starry Night
- 77 An encounter with a Dragon
- 78 The Best Day Of My Life
- 79 Lions, & Tigers, & Bears Oh, My!
- 80 In A Crowded Elevator
- 81 A Kite Flying Contest
- 82 King Askobar And His Castle
- 83 Inside My Stomach After Lunch
- 84 The Tooth Fairy
- 85 Princess Peony And Her Pet Frog Herman
- 86 A Map Of My Neighborhood
- 87 A treasure map
- 88 a map of the school, with "real labels"
- 89 A Tree Is Home To Many Things
- 90 The Winner Of A Dog Show
- 91 A costume contest
- 92 Things We Use In Art Class
- 93 Alternative uses for things we use in Art Class

- 94 My Trip To Outer Space
- 95 If I Had Million Dollars
- 96 At The Elephant And Donkey's Wedding
- 97 Introducing The Newest Pokemon
- 98 A Class Trip To The Park
- 99 A creativity Factory
- 100 Make a drawing that is completely impossible
- 101 Draw a portrait inside out
- 102 Draw an apple, pear, banana inside out
- 103 Look out your bedroom window, draw what you see
- 104 Look out your bedroom window, draw what you
would like to see
- 105 Draw an apple, pear, banana that is wrapped in an
apple, pear, banana
- 106 Draw a form fitting case made of steel that would fit
an apple, pear, banana
- 107 Draw two squares of a sidewalk and make it look
interesting
- 108 Make a detailed drawing of five square inches of grass
- 109 Make a detailed drawing of five square inches of hair
- 110 Make a detailed drawing of five square inches of
feathers
- 111 Make a detailed drawing of five square inches of a
dollar bills
- 112 Draw an insect under a magnifying glass
- 113 Rearrange, redesign the insect
- 114 Draw a portrait of your best friend as an insect
- 115 Draw a self portrait of you as a beautiful insect
- 116 Draw a family insect portrait
- 117 Crumple a magazine ad, draw it
- 118 Crumple a photograph, draw it
- 119 Crumple a drawing, redraw it crumpled
- 120 Cut out a photo into small pieces, rearrange the photo
in some other order, draw it
- 121 yourself dressed in clothing from the 50's, 60's, 70's,
or 80's
- 122 your birthday wish list
- 123 an illuminated letter for your best friend
- 124 yourself in the style of your favorite artist

- 125 your “dream car”
- 126 a “fantasy” house
- 127 a bubble and all its whirly reflective surface
- 128 a close up and enlarged leaf
- 129 the sky
- 130 a mirror and all it reflects
- 131 A different reflective surface and all it reflects (such as a bumper, water, spoon, glasses)
- 132 your favorite animal with a human face
- 133 yourself as a robot
- 134 your favorite song
- 135 your favorite photograph
- 136 favorite person (from life)
- 137 What Frankenstein Wears For Halloween
- 138 My Greatest Fear
- 139 Things That Float
- 140 Things With Wheels
- 141 a pet drawn from a photo
- 142 a pet drawn from life
- 143 A creature emerging from an egg
- 144 An egg yoke falling out of a cracked egg
- 145 Alien Bugs
- 146 At The Beach
- 147 My Dream Car
- 148 What I See Out My Bedroom Window
- 149 I Am Screaming
- 150 An Invention Of My Own
- 151 If I Lived In The Jungle
- 152 If I Ran The Zoo
- 153 When I Close My Eyes
- 154 A Bird’s Eye View
- 155 What My Dog Dreams
- 156 I’m A Famous Rock Star
- 157 Illustrate a famous saying/quotation
- 158 yourself in a specific mood, try to communicate that mood in any way possible
- 159 things with a flavor
- 160 your greatest fear
- 161 things that close

- 162 Illustrate “the way things were”
- 163 the world from the point of view of a frog/toad
- 164 your own game board
- 165 a “how to” poster
- 166 Draw yourself with wings
- 167 a comic strip with your own characters
- 168 your dream room
- 169 Design an advertisement for yourself
- 170 Design a new license plate for the State of your choice
- 171 Illustrate words such as up, upside down, apart,
crazy, sane
- 172 Design new methods of transportation
- 173 Design an ad for your favorite music
- 174 Design a new map
- 175 Create an imaginary alphabet
- 176 things that come from eggs
- 177 Design a costume
- 178 old-fashioned puppets
- 179 Illustrate: If you were the tallest person in the world
- 180 a lost dog poster
- 181 the trail of an imaginary insect
- 182 What it would look like around you if you were the
last person on earth
- 183 drawing that oozes
- 184 drawing of a mechanical structure or machine
- 185 a machine that oozes
- 186 Make a drawing of a machine so that the parts are
sticky
- 187 a famous Bridge
- 188 a famous bridge over a small body of water such as a
bathtub
- 189 a chair
- 190 Draw the concept of the uses of a chair (sitting)
without the chair
- 191 a table
- 192 Draw the concept of the uses of a table (eating,
playing cards) without the table.
- 193 Make a drawing that illustrates the phrase “I have
come to a juncture in my life.” Look up the definition

of the word juncture.

194 Make a drawing that illustrates the phrase “There is an insufficiency of intellect”

195 Make a careful drawing that illustrates the word “Haste”

196 Draw the imaginary skeleton of an apple, pear, banana or other object that obviously doesn’t have a skeleton.

197 Draw a portrait of you and your friends as cards; the queen, king, and jack of spades

198 Make a drawing of all your drawing materials

199 Make a drawing while at McDonalds

200 Draw a mysterious doorway or staircase

201 a creativity factory

202 Draw a map from wherever you are to where you want to be.