



## Carla's 2025 Art Club

### Some FUN Things to Try

Ideas from the participants in the August Saturday Zoom Session,  
In Response to Carla's Admission that She Couldn't Find the  
"Fun" in Much of Anything One Afternoon

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Draw a few pair of eyes. Try out  
all different ways of making eyes...  
and then draw the faces  
afterwards.

— Yesha

Polka dot clothes and hats on  
things; dot grids.

— Mary

I like to use multi-coloured pens.

— Petra

Scribble and fill in the holes with patterns. A good “waiting” drawing as you can drop in or out at any time.

— Suzi

Trace your hand in your sketchbook. This is fun when you use paint or crayons.

— Nadine

Swatch colors.

— Sharon

I keep a folder of things I've seen other people draw or paint that I like and when I need inspiration I pick one at random and just try it.

— Amy

I love drawing toys as characters.

— Shizuka

My go-to for fun is blob animals and simultaneous two-handed drawing. Also, making dots!

— Nancy

Look up Martha Rich's speech bubbles.

— Joy

Create a chicken out of a drop of colour.

— Anna

Lately, I've been blobbing paint onto gel prints that don't work (e.g. circles, random shapes and colors), then cutting them up into little squares and making “grid” collages in my little books. It doesn't take a lot of mental energy to keep my hand moving in that way.

— Janyce

I draw clouds, kind of like Carla draws sidewalk cracks, and try to see shapes, mostly animals.

— Shizuka

It is fun going through art supplies without actually doing art.

— Karin

I draw while my husband drives. FAST.

— Allison

Doodling circles, circles, circles and then circles.

— Carola

When black clouds are moving in,  
I rely on sketching some weird and  
silly guys or monsters.

— Eva

I like to draw lines with fun art  
pens, with or without looking in  
whatever ways feel fun or natural,  
all just for fun.

— Bonnie

Organizing anything by colour  
spectrum - swatch out colours in  
all the materials I have in that one  
colour.

— Penelope

My favorite exercises, which I  
learned from you, are sidewalk  
cracks and using the shape of  
ginger as a starting point. It can  
take me hours to buy ginger now!  
But I love having to look at  
something from multiple angles.

— Kristi

Cut some random pieces out of  
magazine paper, glue down and  
see what you can make from it.

— Cheryl Ann

Draw fun things simply. Like a  
pirate.

— Kristy

Faces with extremely small  
features, cartoon.

— Mary

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Get shape stickers and use them to  
make mosaic or collage --- can be  
very geometric or realistic or  
stylized.

— Yesha

Scribbles and paint things I see  
with watercolors. Then use wide  
black pen to make it look finished.

— Suzi

Draw the grumpiest face you can!

— Cheryl Ann

I slice off a chunk of cheese and  
see if I can see a face in it.

— Shizuka

Kid's tempera stick faces. May add details with brush pen.

— Suzi

Go out to coffee and draw people at the coffee shop.

— Allison

Paint something loose and wild.

— Buice

Paper doll style cuttings of monsters.

— Suzi

Finding faces in objects, shapes.

— Nancy

Exquisite corpse-animals-head, body, legs.

— Briana

Photo collection for reference.

— Suzi

Go to the children's section of a public library and seek out a picture book you like for the art. Spend time looking intently at each spread, to see, REALLY see how the artist may have approached it.

— Yesha