



LESSON 2 LEVEL A BACKVIEW

WHAT IS IN BACK OF ME? Back View

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:
observing and drawing. Use two mirrors to find out what the rest of you looks like.

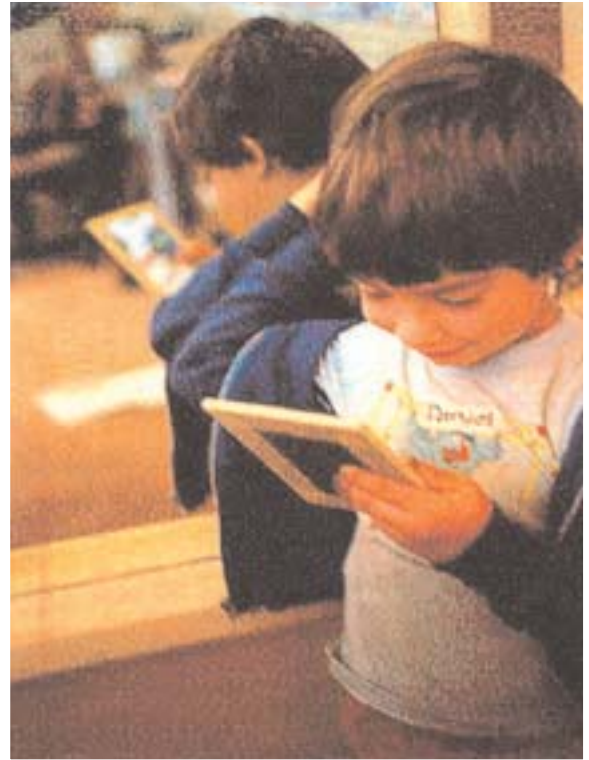
WHAT YOU WILL NEED:
drawing paper; crayons, oil pastels or ink markers; a full-length mirror and a hand mirror.

“TIPS”:

Work as large as the paper will allow.

WORDS TO LEARN:

lens: a special curved piece of glass that changes the way you see an object

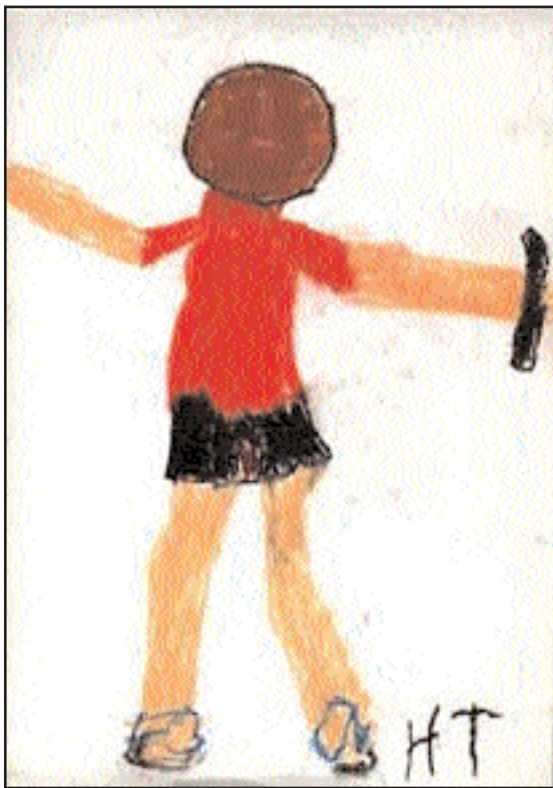


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Getting Started:

1. Look closely at yourself in a full-length mirror. What parts of you can you NOT see? Try hard to see the middle of your back; the back of your head; the back pockets of your jeans. Now use a hand- mirror and try to see those things. Hint: Stand with your back to the big mirror and find your back with the smaller mirror in your hand.
2. Study the back of your head and how your hair covers it. Look carefully at the back of your shirt. Are there buttons or pockets there? Where do your pants (or skirt) start and stop? Can you find the backs of your shoes or feet?
3. Before you forget all these things, make a picture that shows just the back of you. Use crayons, or oil pastels, or markers. Draw your picture as big as





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you can. Draw your head almost touching the top of the page. Draw your feet close to the bottom. Color in all of the different parts. Take another look with the mirror if you want to.

4. Get somebody else in your family to make a self-portrait showing their back. Did they laugh at you? Now it's your turn to laugh.

CLEAN-UP: Replace caps on markers. Return materials to where they are kept.

TALK ABOUT IT: Have you ever seen your back before? Could you see all of the back of you with just one big mirror? Was it hard or easy to find your back using both mirrors? Who else could you draw the back of?

MORE IDEAS:

1. Dress up in a costume and do another drawing of the back of you. Draw a picture of the back of someone else in your family.
2. Look at yourself in a big mirror. Raise your right hand. Your reflection in the mirror seems to raise the left hand, but is that true? Now, play a mirror game. Stand face to face with a friend and raise your right hand. Tell your friend to "mirror" you. Which hand does your friend raise? Make other moves and have your friend mirror them. Go slow; speed up, and take turns leading.
3. Can you find a lens? It's a special rounded piece of glass that makes things look upside-down.