

## October Creative Challenge

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Welcome to my **October Creative Challenge**! For this challenge, you'll select one thing you would like to **draw / paint / create**. During each day in October, you'll **navigate your way** to reaching it. Along the way you'll discover new things, learn new techniques and go down different paths to solving your creative challenge.

You'll spend as much or as little on the challenge as you like - it can be 10 minutes or an hour, its up to you. The aim is to do a little on this project everyday for **31 days** at your own pace. But don't worry if you miss a day or two - you have **5 passes** to use for those days you can't work on the project. For whatever reason, you get a pass. You will keep going and try again tomorrow.

### What is the October Creative Challenge

For the month of **October** (or any month you'd like to start), you are going to **experiment with an idea** and discover and make work along the way. The idea is to set yourself a creative challenge and work towards it for the month. The main thing is to keep it clear and focused - **the learning and discovery** will happen along the path to solving your creative challenge.

### **Ideas could be:**

- Illustrate a postcard of your favourite place using watercolour
- Learn to draw / paint a self-portrait using gouache
- Create a tonal pencil drawing of a still life
- Create a collage of the interior of your bedroom
- Illustrate Halloween on your windows using posca pens
- Create a series of observational drawings of a person / place / objects.



### **Why take part**

Being creative on a regular basis is the best way to develop your practical skills and creative thinking. By selecting a creative challenge, you make great discoveries to 'solving' the challenge along the way while you go down various paths of exploration. For example, if you wanted to draw a self portrait, you might spend 5-6 days learning how to draw eyes using different materials, tonal techniques, shapes etc and then lead onto other facial features and bring them together in drawing the whole face. Along the way you'll research and discover different techniques, books, websites, artists etc.

### **How to take part**

**Step 1** - Select a creative challenge and decide on the first step. Write it down in one sentence.

**Step 2** - Create a Pinterest Board or folder for inspiration and photographs of your experiments and the different stages of your work.

**Step 3** - START.

**Step 4** - Make discoveries as you 'solve' your creative challenge. Record your discoveries as you go either digitally or in a sketchbook or both.

**Step 5** - You have 5 passes for the month. This means if you don't do it one day, simply use one of your passes. Don't give up. Tomorrow is a new day.

**Step 6** - Enjoy your creative challenge

### **Where to share...**

I love seeing what you create. Don't forget to share your work on social media with @outlineartsuk on Instagram and Facebook or email your work to [outlineartsclasses@yahoo.com](mailto:outlineartsclasses@yahoo.com)

### **Inspiration**

Sketch Appeal

<https://www.sketchappeal.co.uk/>

The Big Draw

<https://thebigdraw.org/>

House of Illustration

<https://www.houseofillustration.org.uk/>

It's Nice that

<https://www.itsnicethat.com/>

Creative Boom

<https://www.creativeboom.com/inspiration/awesome-illustrators-to-follow-for-inspiration-in-2021/>