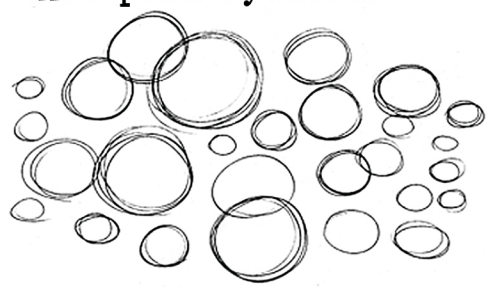
Let's Draw the planet Saturn!

A drawing lesson from the Drawing with Mark episode:

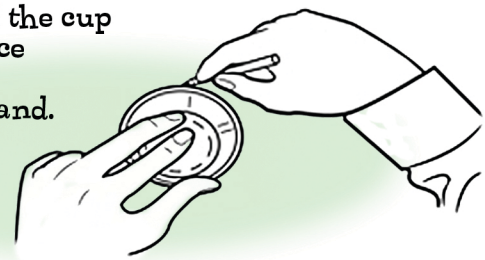
Drawing circles is good practice. It helps "loosen up" our drawing arm. Try drawing some circles. Please don't worry about making them perfectly round.



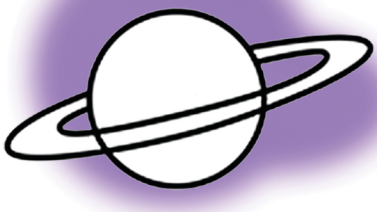
1. You can also use a "template." There are circle templates you can purchase. You may also use something from around the house like a cup.

2. Holding the bottom of the cup with one hand, trace around the cup with your drawing hand.

This is another fun way to create circle shapes.

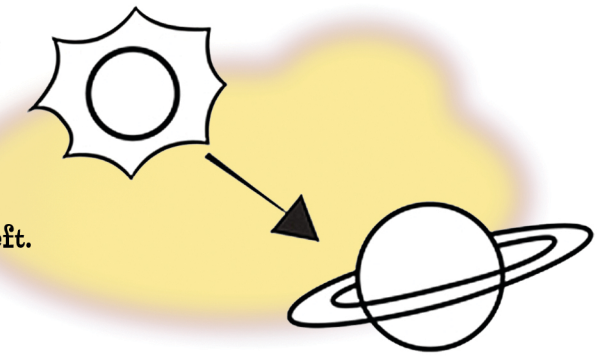


3. To draw the planet, Saturn, we'll add two parallel lines around the circle, like rings.



4. Let's practice shading the planet to help give it shape and volume.

First, we'll decide which direction the light is arriving from – in this case, the Sun is on the left.



5. Using the side of your pencil or maybe a charcoal pencil, now shade the planet.

Planets are round like a baseball, so curve your shading. Keep in mind where the light is coming from.

6. Then you can erase inside the rings so they look like they're in front of the planet and your shading. The erasing doesn't have to be perfect. In fact, it helps the rings of rock look uneven and more real!

Keep practicing and having fun!

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