



THINGS TO REMEMBER BEFORE STARTING STILL LIFE



1.

CHOOSE SIMPLE OBJECTS FIRST

- Pick easy shapes (cups, fruits, bottles) before trying complex ones.
- Start with 2-3 objects to avoid clutter.

2.

DECIDE ON YOUR LIGHT SOURCE

- Fix one strong light direction.
- Helps define highlights, midtones, and shadows clearly.



3.

OBSERVE PROPORTIONS CAREFULLY

- Compare object heights, widths, and relationships.
- Use a pencil as a measuring tool at arm's length.



4.

PLAN COMPOSITION

- Arrange objects in a balanced way.
- Think about overlapping, distance, and negative space.



5.

FOCUS ON CONTOUR FIRST

- Lightly draw outlines before adding details or shading.



6.

GRADUALLY BUILD TONES

- Work from light to dark.
- Avoid heavy pressure in early stages.

7.

BE PATIENT & TAKE BREAKS

- Still life needs time and focus — don't rush!