

## LESSON IDEA

# Exploring Character

## ART & DESIGN



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# Lesson ideas

Use these Lesson Ideas to spark your imagination for using Procreate in the classroom. Feel free to take them further and make them your own.

# Exploring Character

Students create a series of unique characters that are bursting with personality, all from basic shapes.

All you need is an iPad  
and the following app:



## Procreate

## Educational Value

- ✓ Students select and experiment with different forms, styles and digital brushes.
- ✓ Students develop techniques in abstracting realistic imagery into simplified representational shapes and lines.
- ✓ Promotes divergent thinking skills in student's art-making.



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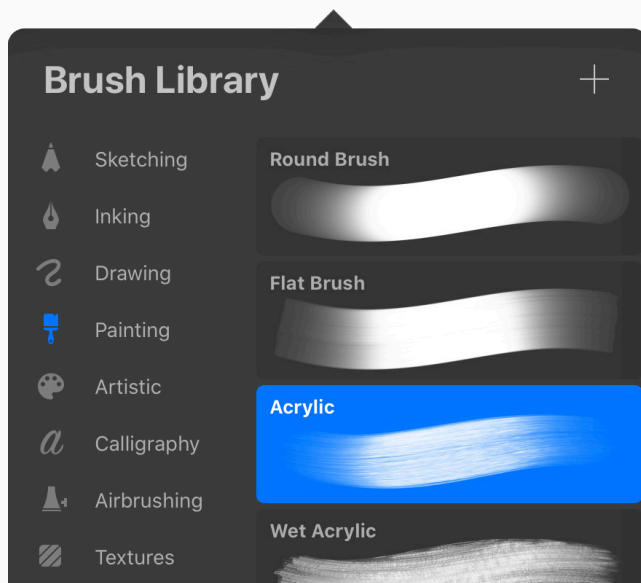
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# Getting started

1.

## Create your canvas

- 1 Open the *Procreate* app and tap the + in the top right to create a new A4 canvas.
- 2 Pick a colour by tapping the color dot in the top right corner of your screen to reveal the *Color Disc*.
- 3 Tap the *Brush* icon in the top right menu, to select a brush.



# Get in shape

2.

Have a play with the different paint brushes and fill the canvas with shapes of different sizes and textures. Leave some blank space around each shape.

## Drawing tips

### QUICKSHAPE

Drag your finger or pencil to draw a shape. Hold for a second at the end to make your line snap into a perfect shape!

### COLORDROP

Drag your selected color to fill any area in your artwork.



# Add some character

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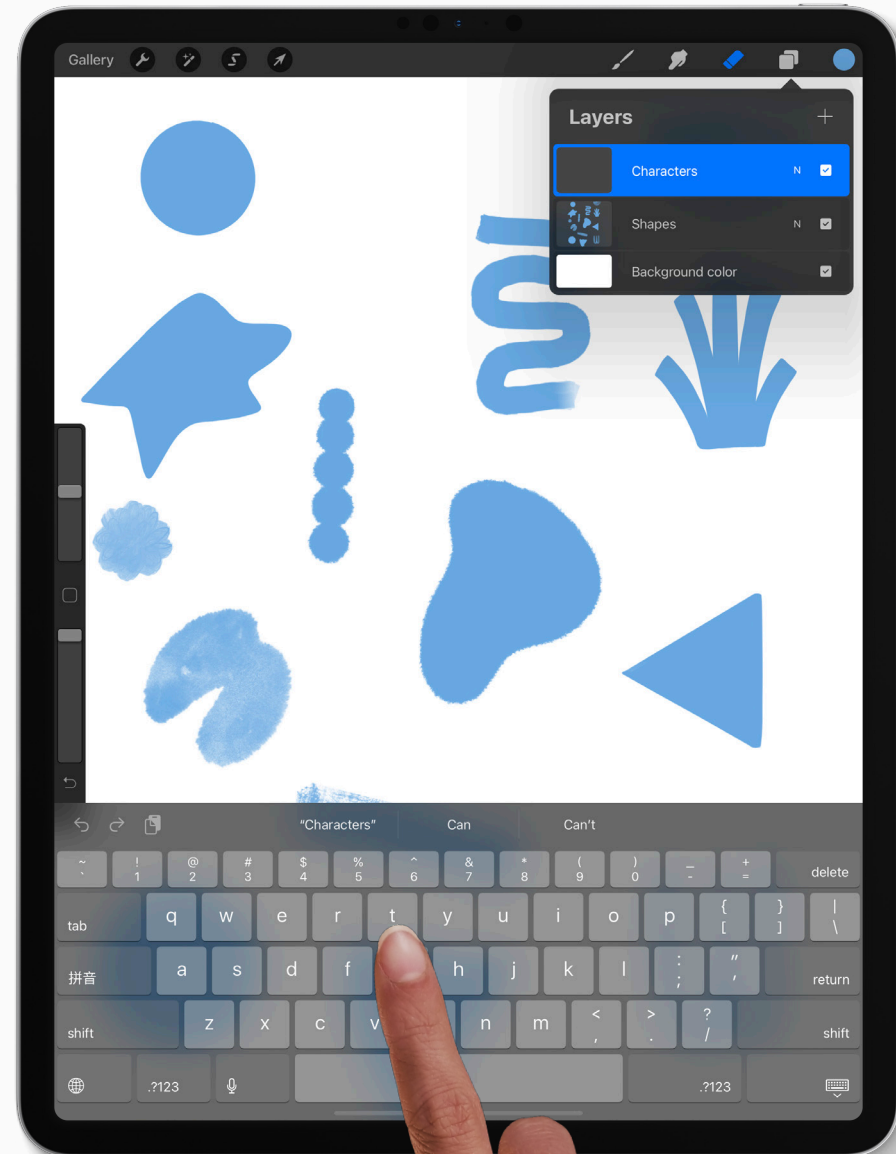
## Create a new layer

Once you've finished drawing shapes, go to the layers menu and tap the + symbol to create a new layer.

## Name your layers

Double tap your layer to open the *Layer options*, and select *Rename* to give your layers a title. This will help you keep track of which layer is which.

Name the base layer "Shapes" and the new layer "Characters".

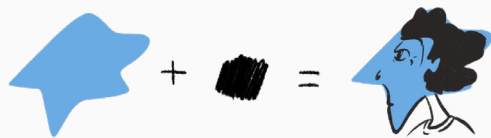
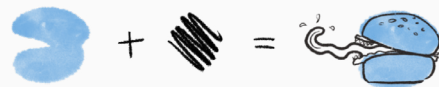
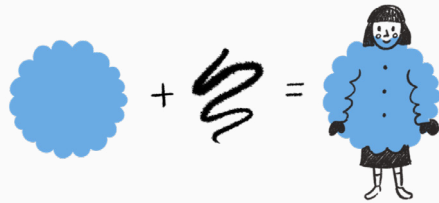




## Playful personalities

Working on your new Character layer, select a different color for your brush, and start turning your shapes into characters.

There is no right or wrong illustration for each shape – have some fun and see where your imagination takes you.



### DRAWING TIP!

While drawing with your finger is fun, using an Apple Pencil will help you to draw more precise lines.





# Take it further

5.

## Comic strip

Copy a few of your characters into a new document. See if you can create a comic strip by tying them together into a short story.

## Add some movement

Use *Animation Assist* to add some gentle animation to your characters. Set your Shapes layer as the background, and add some extra frames to bring your characters to life.



# Create

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