

DIRECTED DRAWING:

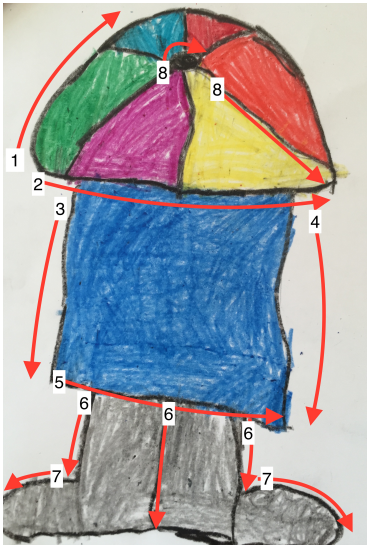
You don't have to be an artist to teach students how to "see" as they draw. One place to start is with the principles taught by Mona Brooks, founder of the Monart Drawing Schools and author of **DRAWING WITH CHILDREN** and **DRAWING FOR OLDER CHILDREN AND TEENS**.

This directed drawing approach builds confidence and helps even the youngest and most reluctant student artist create proficient pieces, each delightfully personal and unique.

**UMBRELLA CHILD:**

(Don't be put off by the lengthy directions, which are far more complicated than the actual project!)

1. Draw a curved line, like a rainbow, in the top half of your paper. (You might have students practice drawing "in the air" before putting pencil to paper.
2. Starting on the left bottom side of the "rainbow," connect the left and right sides with a curving line.
3. Starting on the bottom left side of the umbrella, about 1-2" inside the edge, draw a curving vertical line as long as you imagine the raincoat will be. Leave space for the boots.



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4. Repeat on the right side. Again, leave room for the boots.
5. Starting on the bottom left side of the raincoat, connect the left and right sides with a gently curving line.
6. Draw 3 vertical straight lines from the bottom of the raincoat for the sides of the boots. The middle line is slightly longer than the other two.
7. On the left bottom side, draw a "C" like shape for the "toe" of the boot. Complete the boot on the right side.
8. In the upper middle section of the umbrella, draw an ellipse. Draw curving lines from the ellipse to the outer edges of the umbrella.
9. Outline with black crayon. Choose 5-6 colors and fill in completely.
10. If you choose, finish with watercolor. Pick 3- 4 colors and paint a (striped) vertical or horizontal pattern. For the best results, choose only light colored paints.