



# I Can't Draw...Until I Practice! Trees 1

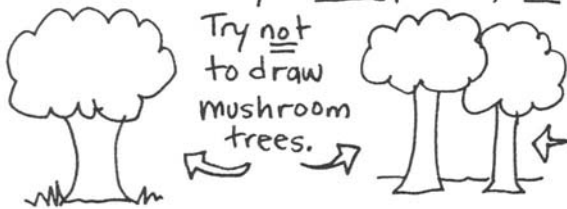


Read, like a book, from left to right. Look for the simplest shapes and start there. One at a time, add shapes and lines until the picture is complete. Practice! Practice! Practice! I looked at actual objects and photos to figure out how to draw these images. Step by step lessons build confidence, but drawing from life, that's the best. Mistakes are our friends. Enjoy making "mistakes", goofy drawings you might not like; it is how we learn.



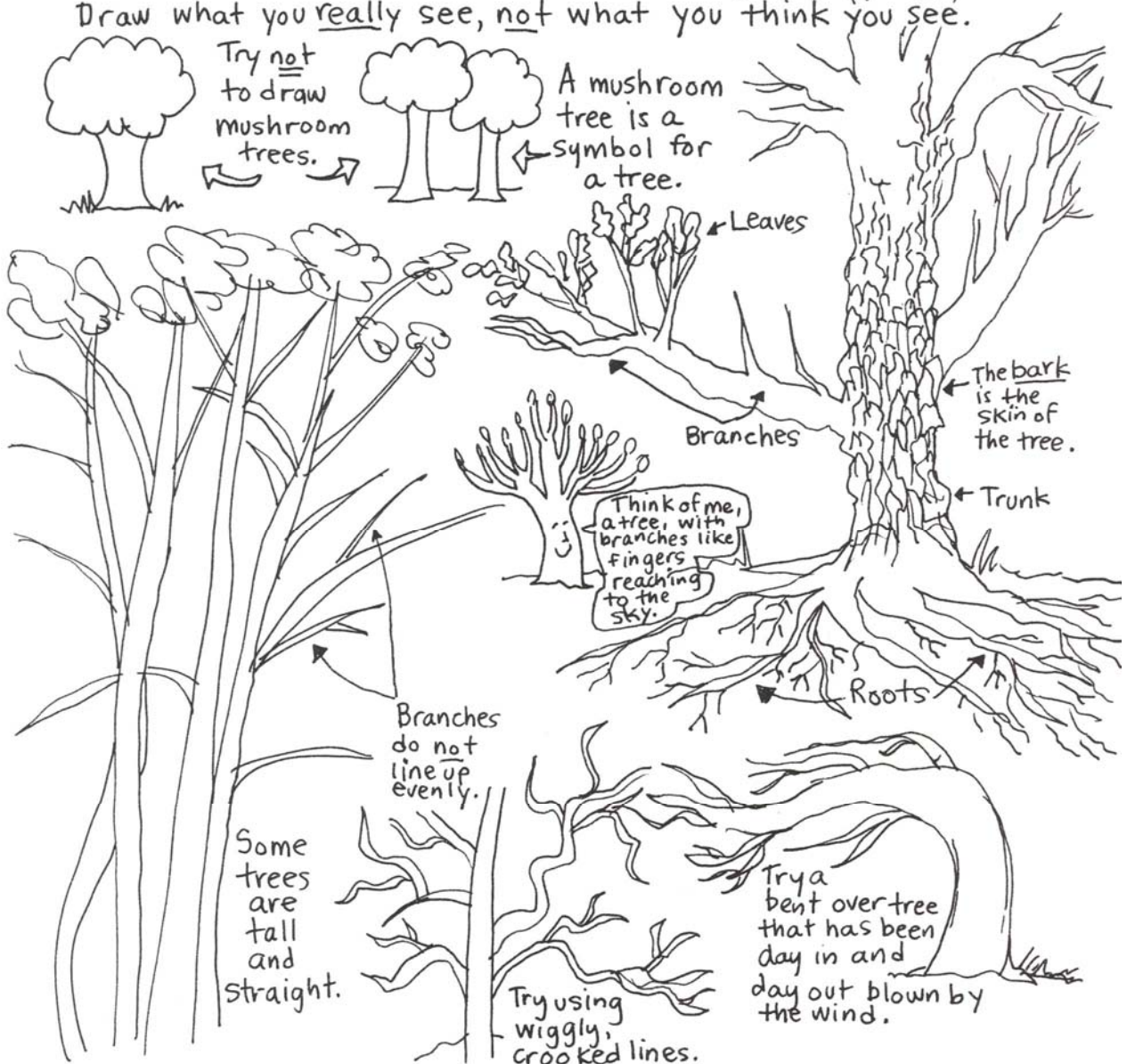
Like people, no two trees are alike. Trees are not like machine made objects. They are rarely even and symmetrical. Most of the time, they are irregular.

Look at real trees, outside or in photographs. Draw what you really see, not what you think you see.



Try not to draw mushroom trees.

A mushroom tree is a symbol for a tree.



Leaves

Branches

The bark is the skin of the tree.

Trunk

Roots

Think of me, a tree, with branches like fingers reaching to the sky.

Branches do not line up evenly.

Some trees are tall and straight.

Try using wiggly, crooked lines.

Try a bent over tree that has been day in and day out blown by the wind.

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