

Practice life drawing. Sketch sculptures from the Google Art Project as if they were live models in action poses on your Smartphone, Tablet, iPad, iPhone or PC.

Artists have always sketched from models in order to study the human figure and to perfect techniques for transferring their observations into the medium in which they choose to work. In many group sessions with live models, quick two minute sketches of action poses are used as warm-up exercises. Lengthier reclining or seated poses, much more comfortable for the models, are reserved for detailed renderings. I find these alternatives frustrating because I like drawing the action poses. The angles and shapes are wonderful but there is time only to make a few hurried marks in my sketchbook. And the alternative, the longer poses, present a reclining figure with less interesting shapes because the internal structure of bone and muscle is obscured when the body is relaxed. And so I usually sketch just the hands or face.



On the left: Samples from a life drawing lab I attend show two minute warm-up action poses. Their spontaneity contrasts with the reclining figure in the lower right corner. This model held the pose comfortably and nicely for half an hour, but it lacked the vitality of the action poses.

On the right: Here is my latest solution for finding models that hold perfectly still in action poses while I study the structure of the body and render as much minute detail as I wish from my smartphone, tablet, or computer screen. Sculptures from 17 international museums and art galleries are presented online in Google's new Art Project. You can tour the galleries and create your own Artwork Collection or use mine as it is displayed in the thumbnails online.

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The iPhone at right shows the reference image for my pen and ink sketch of Diana. This Google Art Project image from The Metropolitan Museum of Art is one of 32 thumbnails I chose to include in my Artwork Collection from the Google Art Project.



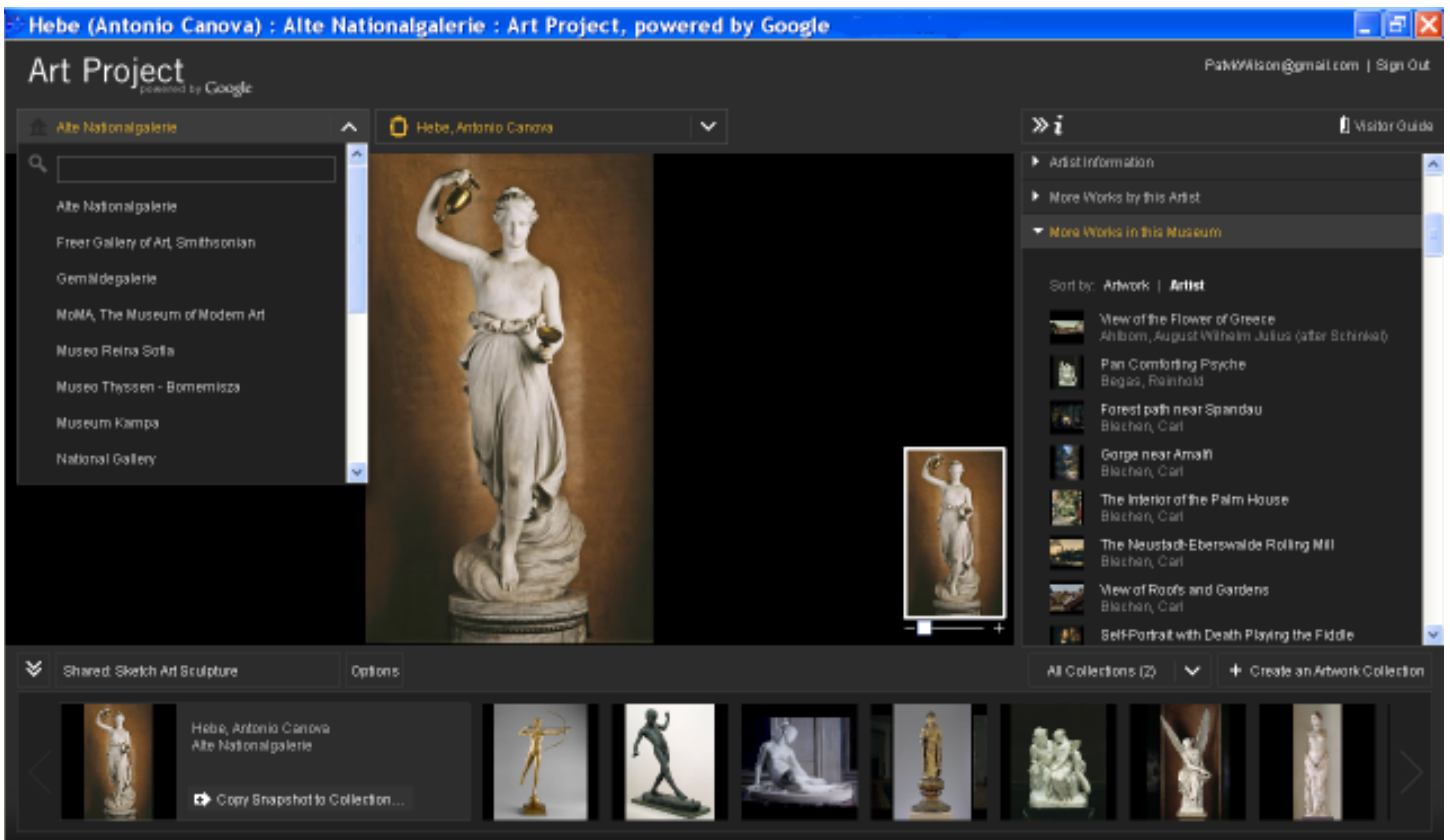
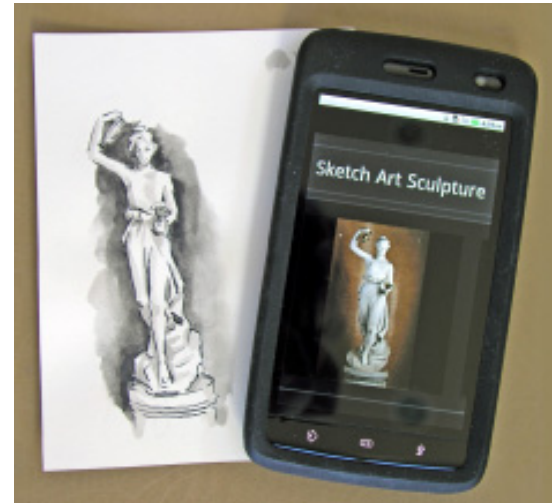
Online Links to Get Started

View the YouTube Visitor's Guide at:
<http://www.googleartproject.com/c/faq>

After viewing the guide, click "Home", which takes you to:
<http://www.googleartproject.com/>

View my Artwork Collection of sculptures to sketch at:
<http://goo.gl/9dA0b>

To see my collection on your computer, you will need Adobe Flash to click on each thumbnail and enlarge it like the central image shown on the screen below. On touch screens, tablets, or smartphones, you can use your fingers to pinch and spread each thumbnail until it is wide enough to fill the screen. On the right, the statue of Hebe on my Dell Streak 5 Tablet was my reference for the ink and wash sketch shown. I like working from a lighted screen and have included more information about sketching from iPads, iPhones, tablets, and touchscreen devices on page 4.



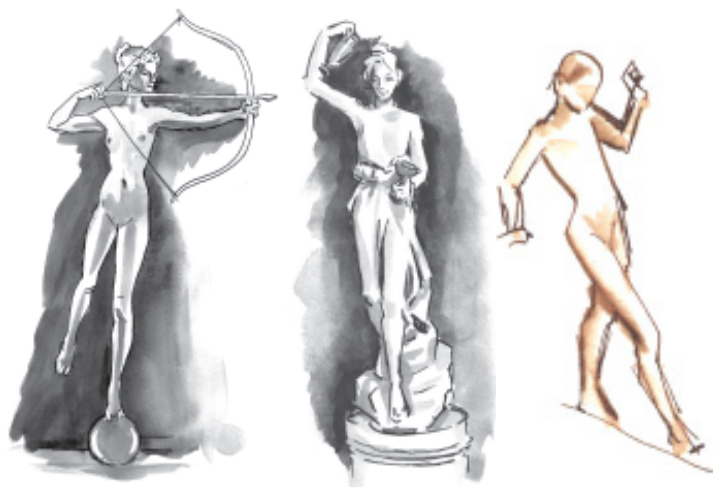
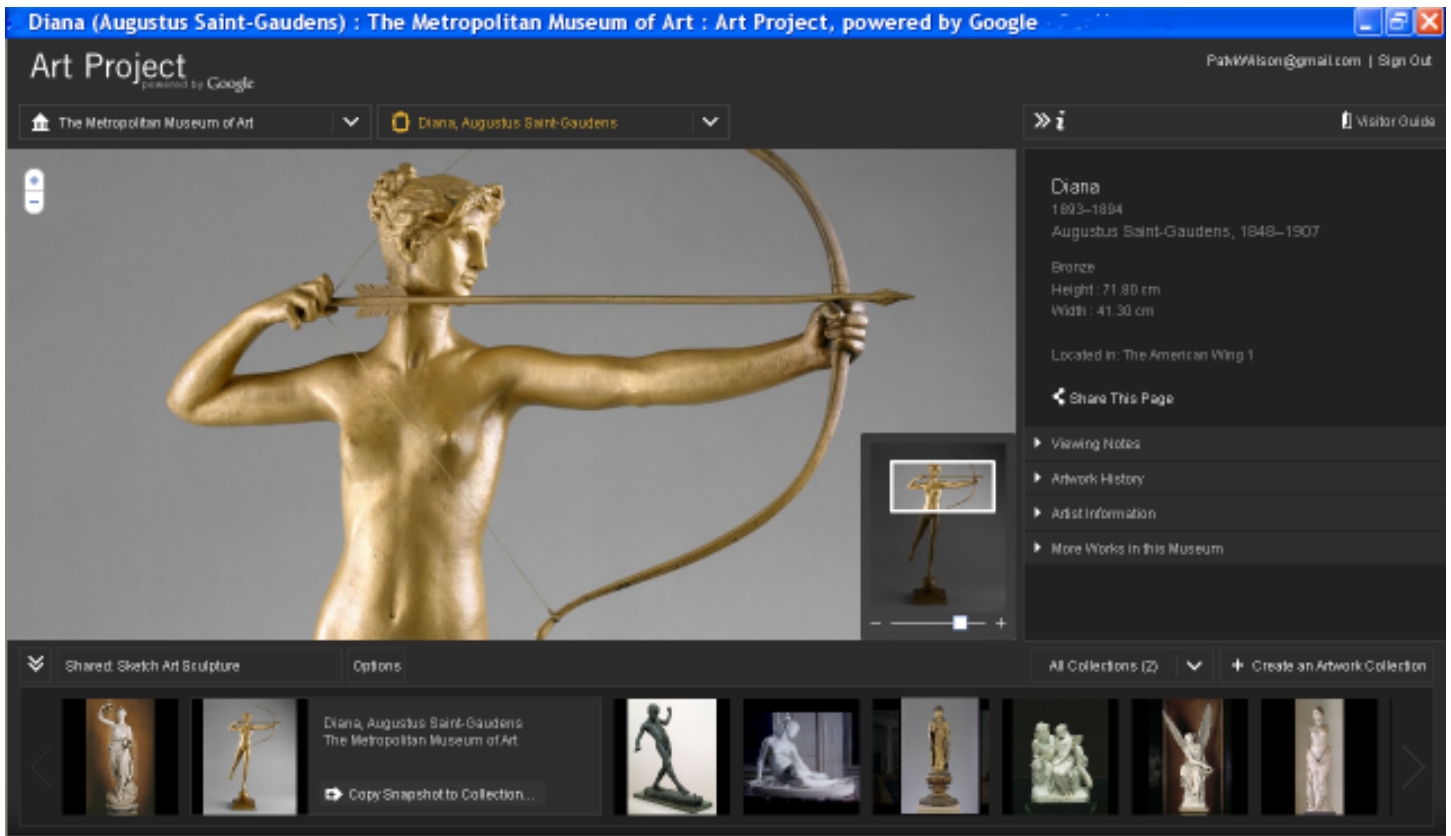
The Artwork Collection I created using the Google Art Project is shown above.

To create your own collection, go to the top left side of the Art Project site and choose a museum from the list of 17 as shown above. On the top right side, go to the drop-down "i" list and scroll down to the last item, "More Works in this Museum." As shown on the right you can choose from a large selection of tiny thumbnails for formatted images you can select and add to your own Artwork Collection.

Your selections will be displayed like mine as a row of thumbnails across the bottom of the Art Project screen.

Use the zoom box to enlarge an area. Sign in and Create your own Artwork Collection.

On the bottom left side of the site below, you can see the lighted thumbnail of the full statue of Diana. The enlarged upper half of the body is displayed in the center of the screen, and on the lower right side is a zoom box with a slider that you can set to zoom in on any portion. This zoom box is very useful for artists to look closely at hands, eyes, or other features, just as they would if sketching from a live model.



On the left: My sketches of Art Sculptures and their sources:

Diana, Augustus Saint-Gaudens,
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City

Hebe, Antonio Canova,
Alte Nationalgalerie, Berlin

A Boy at Play, Sir William Goscombe John,
Tate Britain, London

If you create your own Artwork Collection, you will always have subjects to sketch. Artists often find themselves with pencil in hand and no ready subject in sight, which is probably why art instruction books always seem to have at least one rendering of a cup filled with pencils sitting on a drawing table. With your own collection of sculptures and art statues, you will have an available supply of reference images selected by you and ready for sketching at any time you have a pen or pencil in your hand.

Sign in to create your own Artwork Collection. And you can choose to share it or keep it private.

To create art using the iPad and iPhone with the Brushes App, you can sketch on the iPad while viewing your reference on the iPhone. Here, Diana is being sketched from the Google Art Project.



If you choose to draw from a computer screen when using my Artwork Collection for reference, you can use one URL link (<http://goo.gl/9dA0b>) to view, scroll through, and enlarge all 32 thumbnails that I have saved. If, however, you wish to view the 32 images on a smaller touchscreen tablet or smartphone, you will only see a few thumbnails at one time. Therefore, I have combined the images into groups of four as shown below. You can click on one link provided for the first thumbnail in each group, view all four thumbnails in that group on your touchscreen device, and spread the thumbnails one at a time to fill your screen for sketching. For easy linking, you can copy and paste these links into an email and send them to your device.

Best wishes, *Pat*

<http://www.googleartproject.com/museums/altesnational/hebe?hash=6a00c002-9bdb-41e5-b1b4-247b98d0a888&itemId=6001>

1-Hebe, Alte Nationalgalerie

<http://www.googleartproject.com/museums/hermitage/nymph-with-a-scorpion-139001?hash=6a00c002-9bdb-41e5-b1b4-247b98d0a888&itemId=9001>

2-Diana, The Metropolitan Museum of Art 3-A Boy at Play, Tate Britain 4-Nymph with a Scorpion, The State Hermitage Museum

<http://www.googleartproject.com/museums/altesnational/amphitrite-klinger?hash=6a00c002-9bdb-41e5-b1b4-247b98d0a888&itemId=14001>

5-Amida, artist unknown, Freer Gallery of Art, Smithsonian 6-Pan Comforting Psyche, Alte Nationalgalerie 7-Seated Victoria, Throwing a Wreath, Alte Nationalgalerie 8-Amphitrite, Alte Nationalgalerie

<http://www.googleartproject.com/museums/hermitage/cupid-and-psyche-138001?hash=6a00c002-9bdb-41e5-b1b4-247b98d0a888&itemId=18001>

9-Resting Shepherd Boy, Alte Nationalgalerie 10-Bodhisattva, Freer Gallery of Art, Smithsonian 11-Child Saint Sambandar, Freer Gallery of Art, Smithsonian 12-Cupid and Psyche, The State Hermitage Museum

<http://www.googleartproject.com/museums/hermitage/aphrodite-venus-of-aurida-121001?hash=6a00c002-9bdb-41e5-b1b4-247b98d0a888&itemId=20001>

13-Double statue of the princess Luise and Friederike of Prussia, Alte Nationalgalerie 14-Three Graces, The State Hermitage Museum 15-Psyche in a Faint, The State Hermitage Museum 16-Aphrodite (Venus of Taurida), The State Hermitage Museum

<http://www.googleartproject.com/museums/hermitage/portrait-of-the-emperor-balbinu-132001?hash=6a00c002-9bdb-41e5-b1b4-247b98d0a888&itemId=11002>

17-Bust of a Young Roman, The State Hermitage Museum 18-Portrait of Antinous as Dionysius, The State Hermitage Museum 19-Portrait of a Roman Woman, The State Hermitage Museum 20-Portrait of the Emperor Balbinus, The State Hermitage Museum

<http://www.googleartproject.com/museums/met/ugolino-and-his-sons-277001?hash=6a00c002-9bdb-41e5-b1b4-247b98d0a888&itemId=23001>

21-Statue of Jupiter, The State Hermitage Museum 22-Untitled, 1980s, Museum Kampa 23-An Athlete Wrestling with a Python, Tate Britain 24-Ugolino and his Sons, The Metropolitan Museum of Art

<http://www.googleartproject.com/museums/met/tribute-bearer-with-an-oryx-a-monkey-and-a-leopard-skin?hash=6a00c002-9bdb-41e5-b1b4-247b98d0a888&itemId=10003>

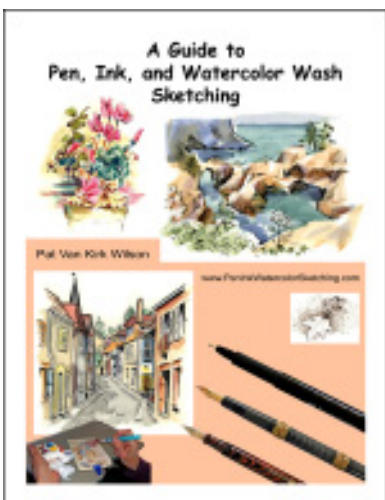
25-Bodhisattva, probably Avalokiteshvara (Guanyin), 26-Drum, The Metropolitan Museum of Art 27-Standing Figure, The Metropolitan Museum of Art 28-Tribute bearer with an oryx, a monkey, and a leopard skin, The Metropolitan Museum of Art

<http://www.googleartproject.com/museums/freer/shiva-nataraja-116?hash=6a00c002-9bdb-41e5-b1b4-247b98d0a888&itemId=26001>

29-Shiva Vinadhara, Freer Gallery of Art, Smithsonian 30-Virgin and Child in Majesty, The Metropolitan Museum of Art 31-Queen Sembiyan Mahadevi as the Goddess Parvati, Freer Gallery of Art, Smithsonian 32-Shiva Nataraja, Freer Gallery of Art, Smithsonian

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