



arttails

by MONET MOUSE

A drawing is simply a line going for a walk.
by Paul Klee

Ready for a walk? Go on a Line Hunt today.
How many lines can you discover?
Monet Mouse's favorite line is his long tail.

Walking with a Line

S-h-h-h! What's that sound coming from behind Monet Mouse's door? Scratch, scratch, s-s-s-scratch! Peek inside . . . Ooo-la-la! MM is drawing on a little black board. Aha, it's Scratch Art! His drawing is made up of lines just like pen and ink drawings, but as he scratches the black surface with a little wooden stick rainbow colored lines seem to magically appear! Fine, thin lines. Wide, bold lines. Lines that go on and on. Lines that turn into shapes. Lines that fill in shapes. Wiggly, straight, side-to-side, up and down, slanting, zig-zagging, criss-crossing, swirling. Over and over and over again; he repeats lines to make patterns.



MONET MOUSE'S ARTRECIPE

Art & Nature: Walk with a Line

Ingredients:

- Ink Pens
- ArtTails Pen and Ink Page
- Scratch Art Board
- Wooden Stick

First do a little pen and ink. Use the ink pens to fill the frames on the pen and ink page with line drawings that match the titles. Voila! A collection of pen and ink Mini Mousterpieces!

Then pick a scratch art board and wooden stick (one per artist, please.)

Use the lines from your Mini Mousterpiece collection

or
look out the window at the lines of winter trees. What else do you see? The landscape from nature will give you ideas for your drawing. Handle board with care. Try to touch only its edges until finished. Smudges from your finger tips will keep the wooden stick from working its magic.

You are the artist and having fun enjoying the colorful lines appearing. Remember to think about your line drawing and stop scratching before you scratch the lines away and they disappear!



 Monet Mouse

Fun With Pen & Ink

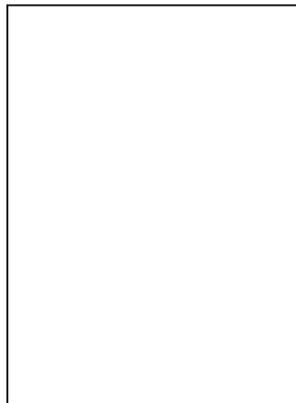
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How far back in time can you trace the use of pen and ink? It's been important long before the 19th century. Before that time, most drawing and writing was done with "pens" made from the stalks of marsh reeds or with shafts of bird feathers (quills). Did you know that the name crow quill describes the smallest steel drawing pen? Steel nibs, ink pens' tips, were developed during the 19th century in England even though the metal pen itself was used as early as the ancient Roman days!

Unless applied as a wash, ink is a line medium and the artist uses different line techniques to show tones, shading and depth. Artists delight in these variations and usually use either a pen or a small brush when working with ink drawings. The repeated pen & ink patterns bring the artist's creation to an exciting life. Begin to have fun with pen and ink. Fill the frames below with lines that match the titles to complete the collection of Mini Mousterpieces.



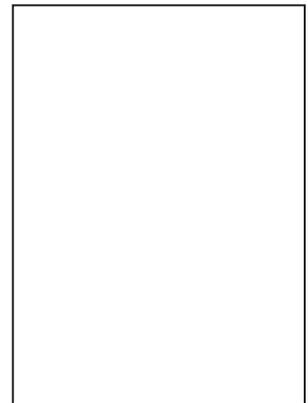
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Wiggly



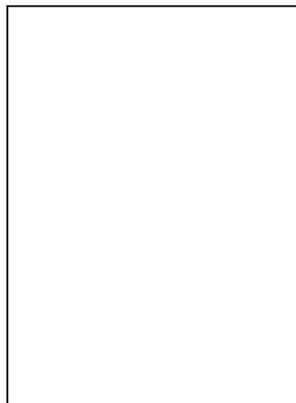
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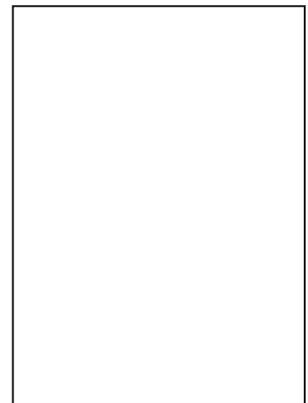
Side-to-Side



Up and Down



Criss-Cross



Zig-Zag