

CCS Anime Art Club: Character Design Edition

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- Makes animations on YouTube for fun and passion
- Graduated with a BFA at CSUF in Entertainment Art/Animation in 2021
- Recently illustrated a children's book: *The Wise Old Tree* by Kathryn Varner. Debuted in November 2023.



Purpose of This Class

- Artists and anime enthusiasts come together to learn about various art styles in Japanese media such as Spy X Family, Demon Slayer, Studio Ghibli, Sanrio, and your favorite animes and video games. They will be presented with all sorts of multimedia sources.
- We will be focusing on character design.
- Students will hone in their technical art skills and craft while sharing their common interests in Japanese media.
- This will bring together a tight-knit community of students who will develop confidence in self expression.

Kyoto Animation



What are the fundamentals?

These skills are the building blocks of in character design. Advanced skills exist, but we will cover the **absolute basics**. Even after this class ends, artists will recall these skills which will help them have an better understanding on how to approach a problem with creative solutions:

- Proportions
- Clothing
- Eyes/facial expressions/the face in general
- Shapes/Character skeleton
- Shapes like drawing different shaped heads
- Poses
- Basic Color Theory
- Faces
- Animals (brief)
- Props (Swords, wands, etc.)
- Drawing from life



- This is not a “How to draw your favorite anime character course”. This course focuses on the fundamentals of character design specifically in the style of Japanese media
- **Objectivity and technique = main focus**
 - Art supplies will be included
- Active participation will improve your artwork! These skills are not done overnight! They require time, effort, and a ton of patience!
- Students will not be able to fully master the fundamentals towards the end of the course, but they will have knowledge and have more confidence in their artistic skills.

Here are my brief sketches of Anya (top) and Naruto (bottom) to demonstrate a character skeleton consisting of small shapes

Anime Art Club Meeting Dates (Tuesdays) 3:00 - 4:00

February	6, 13, 20, 27
March	5, 12, 19, 26
April	9, 16, 23
May	7, 14, 21, 28

Any questions? My email: deveradominique@dublinusd.org

Registration: <https://rb.gy/tvtg3>