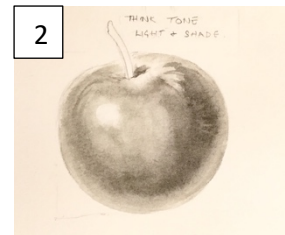
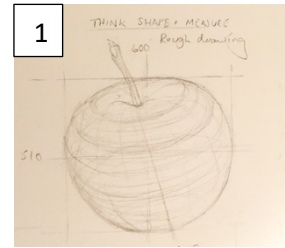


# Drawing and Painting Fruit: Apples

## Stage 1. Drawing

### Step 1. Observe: Think Shape, Measure and Draw

- The first task when painting any subject is to observe and gather as much information as possible.
- Think about the form and take measurements of the subject. Height, width and widest point of the fruit are the most important measurements.
- Mark out the basic measurements within a box shape.
- Make a rough 'contour' drawing of the subject within the box
- When you are happy with the drawing, transfer it to the watercolor paper, using tracing paper



### Step 2. Think about the light and shade

- If you have time, make a quick monochrome study of the subject

## Stage 2. Painting

**Step 1. Work out the colours:** Make color notes and work out all of the color mixes to be used, paint colour swatches

**Step 2. First Wash:** Wet the surface of the area to be painted with clean water using a size 5 or 6 brush. Apply a wash of the first color, leave only the brightest highlight clear.

**Step 3. Second Wash:** When dry, wet again and start to add the darker colours. This layer should be more selective in application but still relatively light and paint slightly more concentrated.

**Step 4. Third Wash and Form Shadow:** As before, wet the whole area and apply a darker shade to create a form shadow. This is an 'arc' shaped, area that sits on the shade side of the subject.

**Step 5. Fourth Stage: Build Depth and Color:** Switch to a smaller brush, such as a size 2 miniature, and start to build pattern, colour and detail.

