

# Drawing a Realistic Picture

To prepare for one of tomorrow's activities, you are being challenged to draw a picture or portrait of something you observe. It could be a landscape of what you see out your window, it could be what your living room looks like, or it could be a self portrait. Whatever you create, you want to make it look as realistic as possible- almost like a picture. See an example of *realism* to the right.



- Step 1: Locate what you want to draw.
- Step 2: Using the materials below, create a realistic picture or portrait of what you see.
  - Paper
  - Pencil
  - Colored Pencils, Markers, Crayons
- Step 3: Start with an "initial sketch," where you lightly outline the biggest objects in the scene you are drawing. Make sure you outline these objects lightly!
- Step 4: Once you have outlined the big objects, ask yourself if they are the right proportion. For example, if you were to outline the picture above, you would want to make sure the dog was bigger than the pillow, but smaller than the chair!
- Step 4: Slowly add in smaller details. You can use color, or maybe you want to just use your pencil! One thing that will help your drawing look more realistic is shading. Using the example above, you can see that the seat of the chair is darker than the top because of how the sun naturally shines on it. If you need to add darker shading into your drawing, do it!