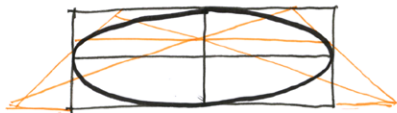




A COMMON METHOD  
but there are no squares in  
TEACUPS!



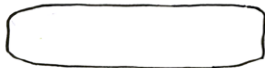
THE SHAPE YOU SEE IS  
ALWAYS AN ELLIPSE.  
Which is symmetrical about  
its axes.

So all you have to do is get  
height + width and then  
draw a uniform shape  
Easy hey?!?!?

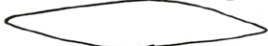
I have never drawn a  
perfect uniform ellipse...  
but its ok.... just...



Think 'squashed circle'



Not rounded rectangle



Not rounded diamond



NEVER pointed ends.

Practice circular movements  
with your hand in the air  
before your pen hits the page.  
Bold lines... and then live with  
it (don't panic... never panic!)

## SETUP + RIM

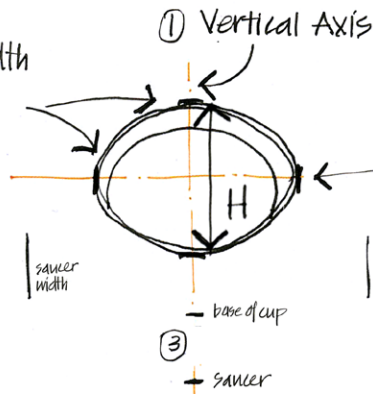
(2) Mark height + width  
of rim. (horizontal  
axis is midway)

(3) Mark other  
heights  
Relate every  
distance to  
the height of the  
rim. "H"

## CUP

(5) Imagine ellipse of  
foot of cup.  
Draw what you  
see

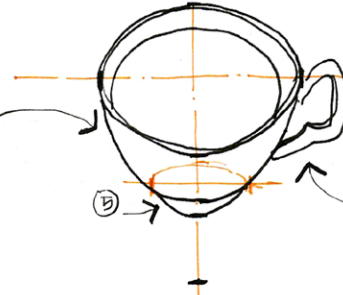
(6) Draw shape of  
cup as you see it



(4) Draw Rim + Tea shape  
Rim. Regular ellipse  
Tea shape - made up of  
2 different arcs.  
Add rim thickness

(7) Draw handle.  
Compare with  
cup you have  
drawn.

Compare with  
cup + rim  
shapes



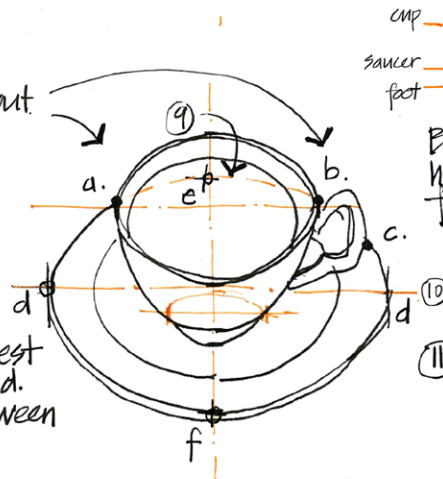
## SAUCER

the tricky part!

(8) 3 important setout  
points a, b, + c.  
handle is great  
reference point

(9) Imagine hidden  
part of saucer

(10) Make sure widest  
part of saucer d.  
is midway between  
e. + f.

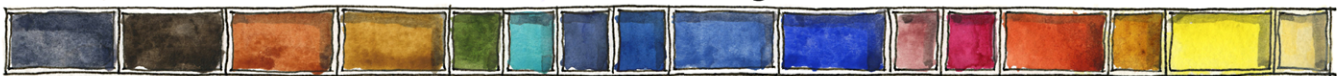


Big Note: saucer edge is  
higher than the cup  
foot! (normally)

(11) Draw saucer  
with bold lines  
connecting  
points.

# HOW TO DRAW A TEACUP

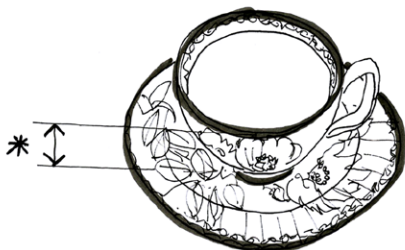
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## TWO STANDARD VIEWS

A. The teacup you are drinking from  
The cup is foreshortened \*  
The rim + saucer ellipses are almost  
circles

B. Your friends teacup on the other  
side of the table.  
You can see the cup shape  
Rim and saucer are foreshortened\*  
Can you see underside of saucer?



A.



B.



## EMBRACE THE WONKINESS

WONKY CIRCLES + ELLIPSES ARE A FACT OF LIFE

Make strong lines - just keep going.  
Details, colour, shadow WILL put it together  
AND... don't forget to  
DRINK THE TEA WHILE IT IS HOT