
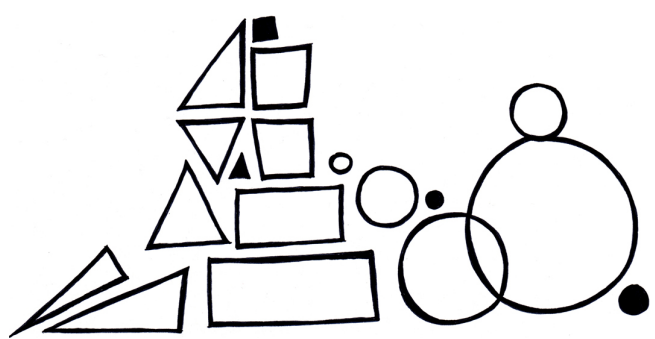
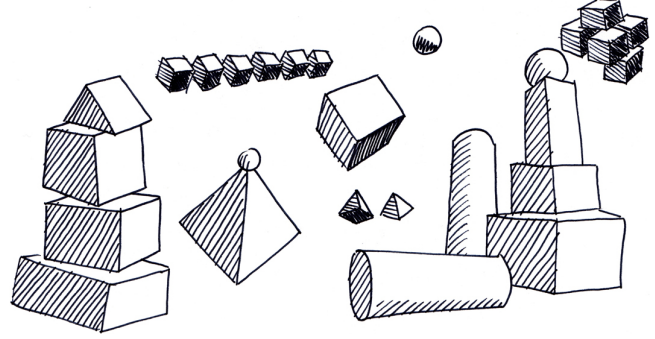
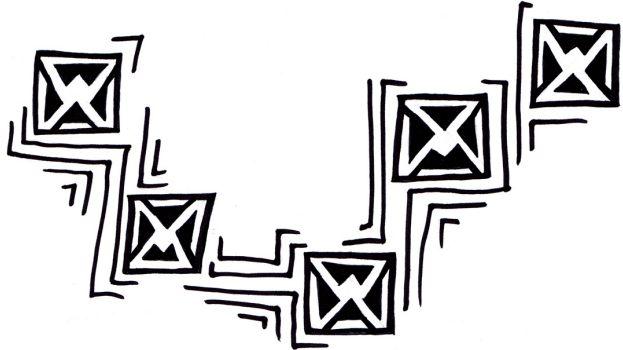


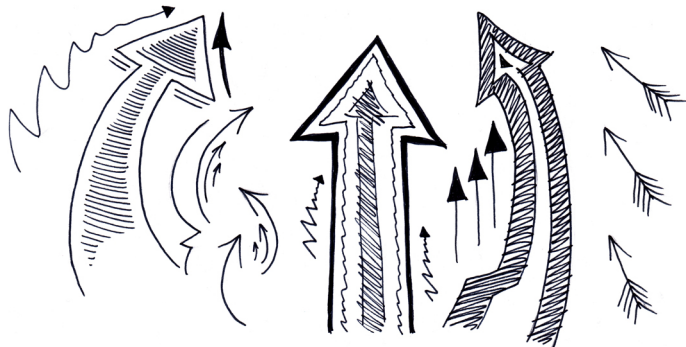

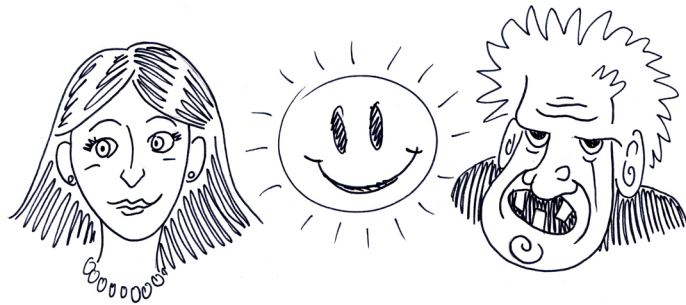

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Here are some common symbols that appear in doodles, and their meanings. There are many other ways to interpret these symbols. What else could these symbols mean?

Symbols	Examples	Possible meanings
Lines and scribbles		<p>Heavy lines: strong, energetic</p> <p>Medium lines: balanced, confident</p> <p>Light lines: sensitive, unsure, afraid of making mistakes</p> <p>Wavy lines: musical, rhythmic, appreciates beautiful things</p> <p>Zigzag lines: needs comfort, has experienced something harsh</p> <p>Messy scribbles: unfocused mind</p> <p>Neat scribbles: impatient, looking for focus or structure</p>
Geometric shapes		<p>Triangles: has a direction or sense of purpose, stable, reliable</p> <p>Circles: whole, sees the whole picture</p> <p>Squares and rectangles: mathematical, realistic</p>
3-D Forms		<p>3-D forms: ordered mind, loves routine, appreciates well-designed things</p> <p>Stack of boxes: stressed</p>
Repeated patterns		<p>Repeating lines and shapes: patient, does things in an organized manner</p> <p>Repeating objects or designs: the more the symbol is repeated, the more important it is</p>

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Symbols	Examples	Possible meanings
Arrows		<p>Line arrows: wants action, has a direction</p> <p>Outline arrows: wants to advance, especially if pointing upward</p>
Flowers		<p>Flower doodles: A gentle personality, a love of nature, remembering a simpler time, thinking about childhood</p>
People and faces		<p>Smiling face: happy</p> <p>Beautiful face: sociable, a people person</p> <p>Ugly face: bad-tempered, dislikes people</p>
Other symbols		<p>There are many other symbols that can appear in doodles. Think about what these symbols mean in our society. What do they mean to someone from your cultural background? What do they mean to you personally? If they are objects, how are the objects used?</p>

Adapted from Helen South, Doodle Analysis, from the About.com Drawing/Sketching Web site at <http://drawsketch.about.com>.