

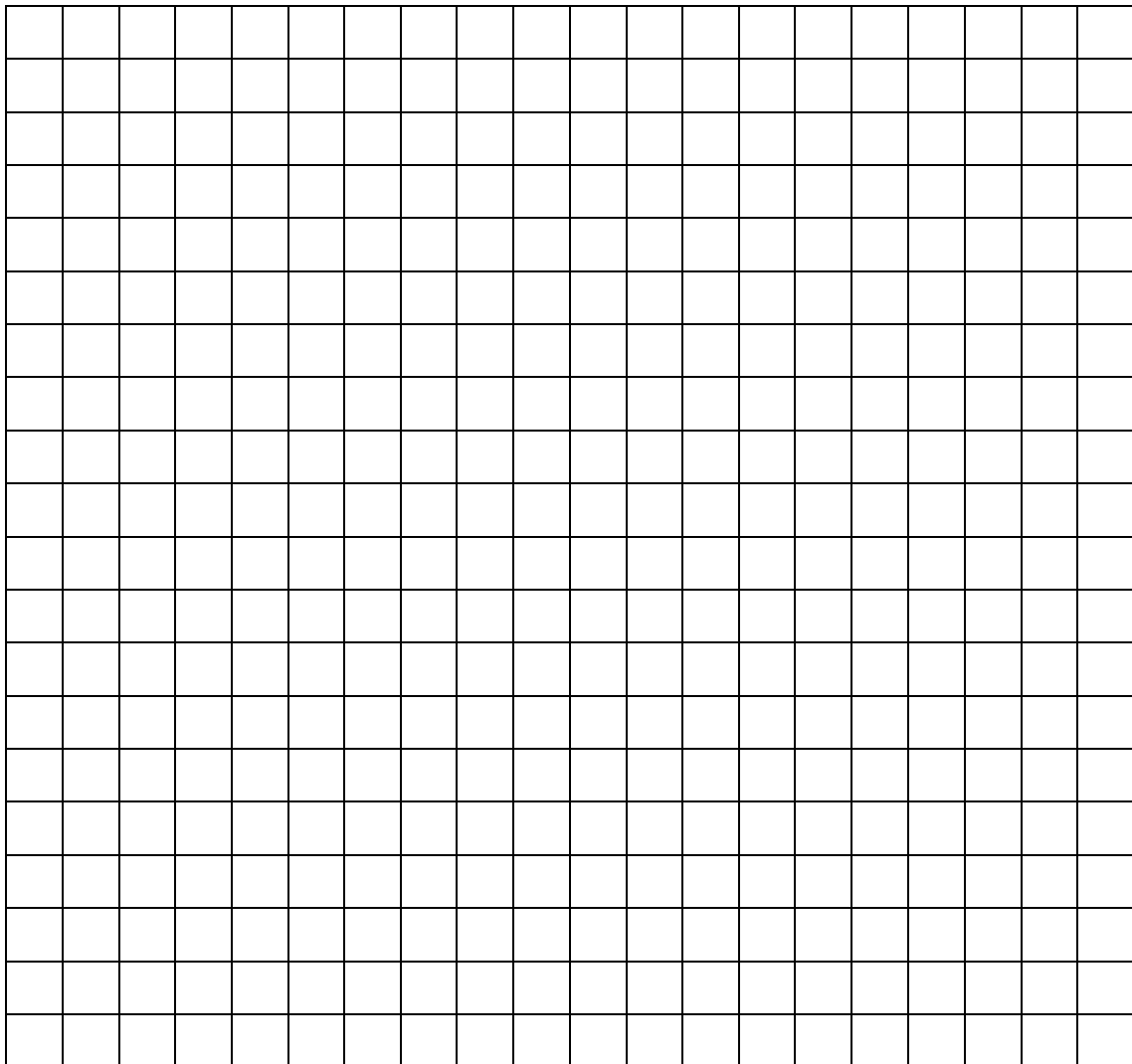
Ancient Egyptian Figure Drawing

Learn to draw people Egyptian style



Egyptian artists used grids to help them draw people. The grid was formed by 'snapping' a string soaked in red paint against a wall then the figure was then drawn in the squares. Your challenge is to draw a person using this method.

We have given you a grid to get you started.



- First, find someone to pose for you. If you can't find someone you could use a picture from a magazine or newspaper.
- Next, imagine that person is divided into squares. You could imagine that their head is 3 squares high, their body is 5 squares high and their legs are 12 squares high (of course this depends on what the person looks like and if they are standing or sitting). If you are using a picture you could draw a grid onto the picture to make your job easier.

- Next, with a pencil draw a faint outline of your person. If you make a mistake just rub it out.
- When you are happy with your outline you can start adding details like the pattern of their clothes, their eyes etc.
- Your drawing should now be finished. You could draw another figure this time trying to make the person look like an Egyptian (look at the pages of this unit if you need reminding). What is special about the way Egyptian people are drawn? How are they posed?