



Armory Teaching Artist:  
**Matt MacFarland**



This **Cartoon Doodles from Memory** activity comes to you from Armory faculty member Matt MacFarland. Matt is a contemporary artist and cartoonist whose graphic narrative *Dark Pants* follows a mysterious pair of pants through LA as they impact the lives of whomever wears them. He compiled his more than 14 years of teaching experience into a self-published comic *The Teaching Chronicles*. His work has been written about in *The LA Times*, *Comics Bulletin*, *Comics Grinder*, *Artillery*, and *X-tra Online*. Matt was also a 2004 Armory Fellow.

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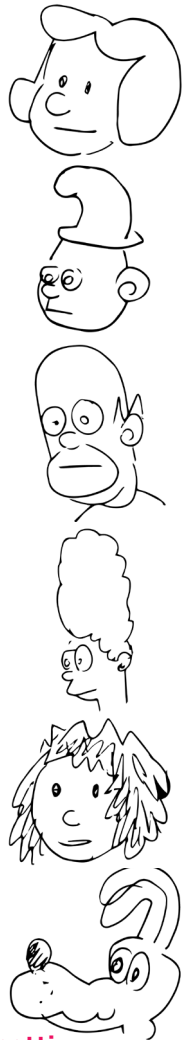
**#ArmoryArtsChallenge:** Cartoon Doodles from Memory

## Materials

This activity is quite simple. You just need **something to draw on** (paper, white-board, cement floor, drawing tablet, it's yours to decide) and **something to draw with** (chalk, crayon, marker, pen, you name it).

## Instructions

- Draw as many popular cartoon characters as possible from memory in 10 minutes.
- No cheating. Do NOT be tempted to look at ANY references.
- Forget about details. Be quick & loose.
- Focus on head and face, or try the whole body if you're feeling ambitious.
- Some may look a little "off," but that's part of the fun of this activity.
- It's not about being "good," it's about you getting a good sense of your own style through this exercise, it might not look too much like the character, but it will give you a good sense about how you draw and what makes your style unique.
- You'll notice your own style emerge, which is really valuable, if you can identify your own style, you can use it in your art.
- You'll probably create new characters without even meaning to!



Cartoon Characters Doodled from Memory created by **Ivan Brunetti**

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