

# Drawing Self-Check

1. After you've drawn for awhile, and taken a break (whether or a few minutes, or overnight...) set your pad of paper so that you can see it from several steps away. What do you see? Taking this literal step backwards can help you look at your work with a new perspective. I am guessing that you are starting to see feathers that make you happy. You probably still need lots of practice, but take time to celebrate the small steps you have taken towards beautiful freehand feathers.
2. After you have admired your feathers from afar, get up close and really find the good ones. Circle them, put a star next to them -- maybe even get out your stickers! Date these pages so you can save some of them to look back at in the future.
3. Now, look again and look for the potato chips, hot dogs, and touch-and-gos. Check for the angles of the feathers as they relate to the spine, as well as the rounded tops. Use a different color pen to draw over the feathers that are not so beautiful and try to correct the shapes. Do you see where you are going wrong with these? Go back to tracing my feathers if you need more help.
4. After you've taken some time to analyze your feathers, flip to a clean page and try again. Are you able to apply what you've learned?
5. Upload some pictures for me to look at -- see the suggestions in the forum for creating images that will be easiest for me to look at.