Christmas Drawing Challenge 2026 · 24 days, Dec 1–24

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Our own 24-day list for adults and teens. One prompt a day, any medium. Tick a box when you finish. Not the kids countdown.

	Day	Date	Prompt	Stretch idea
☐	1	Tue Dec 1	**Wrapped in lights**	Draw a figure, tree or window bound in a tangle of string lights, with a few bulbs out of focus.
☐	2	Wed Dec 2	**An ornament with a reflection**	A shiny bauble that shows a room, a face or a window in its curve.
☐	3	Thu Dec 3	**The tree from below**	Lie on the floor (or imagine it) and draw the branches stacking up toward the star or ceiling.
☐	4	Fri Dec 4	**A candle and its shadow**	One flame, and the long, soft shadow it throws across a table or wall.
☐	5	Sat Dec 5	**A mug you'd drink cocoa from**	Design the mug itself: chip, pattern, handle, steam. It does not have to be festive.
☐	6	Sun Dec 6	**A pine branch study**	Needles, a cone, and the way the branch bends. Draw from life if you can.
☐	7	Mon Dec 7	**A frosty window, from inside**	Condensation, a palm print, or street lights smeared by frost.
☐	8	Tue Dec 8	**A gift that's the wrong shape**	An oddly wrapped bundle: too long, lumpy, or barely held by the paper.
☐	9	Wed Dec 9	**A pair of mittens at rest**	One flipped inside out, or both just taken off, still holding the shape of hands.
☐	10	Thu Dec 10	**A cookie tin**	The lid off, crumbs, a stacked pattern of cookies, or the worn printed lid itself.
☐	11	Fri Dec 11	**A festive still life**	Three objects on a cloth: fruit, ribbon, a candle, a bell. Pay attention to the spaces between them.
☐	12	Sat Dec 12	**A street at dusk**	Early dark, wet pavement, and the first house lights coming on.
☐	13	Sun Dec 13	**A carol as a picture**	Pick a line from a song you know and draw the image, not the lyrics.
☐	14	Mon Dec 14	**A winter coat on a hook**	Heavy fabric, empty sleeves, a scarf still tucked in the collar.
☐	15	Tue Dec 15	**A bow in three values**	One bow, drawn only in light, midtone and dark. No line if you can help it.
☐	16	Wed Dec 16	**A sleigh redesign**	Invent a sleigh for now: cargo bike, subway car, shopping cart, or something quietly elegant.
☐	17	Thu Dec 17	**A stocking full of objects**	The stocking as a container: toes bulging, a candy cane hooked over the top, one object spilling out.
☐	18	Fri Dec 18	**A stall under string lights**	A wooden holiday stall at night: one seller, stacked goods, and warm light on faces.
☐	19	Sat Dec 19	**A pet or wild animal in the snow**	Tracks, a wet nose, snow on fur. Keep it specific: one animal, one moment.
☐	20	Sun Dec 20	**A nativity star, or a winter moon**	A bright star over a quiet town, or a full moon in a cold sky. Pick the one that fits your December.
☐	21	Mon Dec 21	**A holiday self-portrait**	You in a coat, in kitchen light, or reflected in a bauble or dark window.
☐	22	Tue Dec 22	**The recipe you always make**	Draw the ingredients, the pan, or the finished dish. Include a stain or a handwritten card if you have one.
☐	23	Wed Dec 23	**Wrapping chaos**	Unspooled ribbon, a stray bow, scissors, and paper that will not lie flat.
☐	24	Thu Dec 24	**The quiet night before**	An empty living room late on Christmas Eve: a lamp left on, a tucked-in stocking, or a still street.