

DRAW LIKE AN EGYPTIAN

The ancient Egyptians wanted their art to follow a certain pattern.

To them art was more than decoration. Art was part of religion. The Egyptians wanted the human figure to look a certain way. This is called the Egyptian canon.

The Egyptians began using a grid of squares for proper measurement.

With the grid the Egyptian figures could follow the same pattern again and again but they were not exact copies.

Using a square grid pattern we can draw like an Egyptian. The squares will guide your drawing. Draw in your squares to match the guide. Don't be afraid to erase lines and redraw.

Each square is as wide as one fist.

There are 18 fists from the ground line to the hair line on the forehead.

The knee line is 6.

The elbow is line 12.

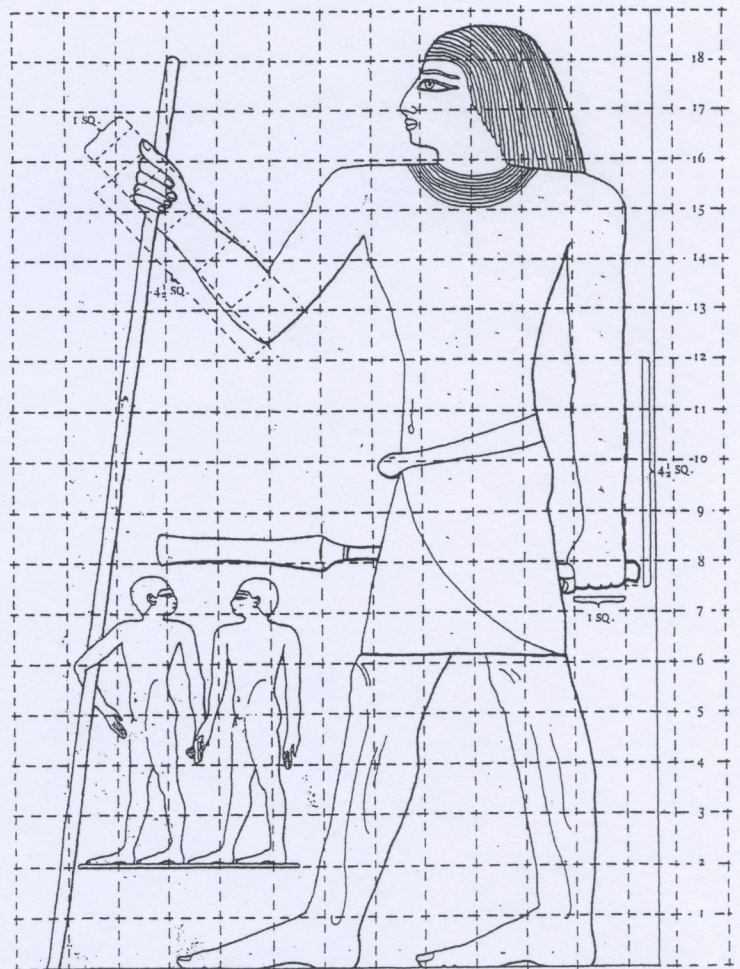
The neck and shoulder are line 16.

The foot is about 3 squares long.

The length of the forearm is about 5 squares.

The figures of women are young and beautiful.

The figures of men are handsome.



The Egyptian canon of eighteen fists from hair line to ground line