

Frequently Observed Features Of Neurotic Family Drawings

IMPORTANT: Pictorial features can only be understood in context. This means they are related to case history, test behavior, current conditions, the subject's self-interpretation, as well as other items in the picture.

1. Rarely have extraneous elements such as the sun, the sky, flowers.
2. The drawing as a whole lacks specific details.
3. Frequently draw profile view of the human figure.
4. The family is organized as an incoherent group.
5. They use fewer colors.
6. Black is used to express dark shades, as opposed to well-adjusted children who use grey for this purpose.
7. The colors used are generally less realistic.
8. They use less space on the paper and the drawings are smaller.
9. Motifs are frequently drawn at the edge of the paper.
10. Human figures contain few specific details, e.g. hands and fingers are frequently omitted, shoulders are missing or the feet are depicted vaguely.

Five General Warning Signs Of Children's Drawings

1. Incoherent, disorganized drawing.
2. Few details together with gross distortions or omissions.
3. Disharmonious and confuse picture.
4. Compression: the picture is constricted to a very small size.
5. Depression, sadness or hopelessness projected into the picture.

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