

Value Scale Exercise

Shade each scale using the different tool (4H, HB, and 6B pencils, and black crayon) so you can see the different range each tool has. Do one scale at a time, working in this order: a) shade square #9 as dark as you can with that tool. b) then very, very lightly shade square #2 almost white, but not quite! c) then shade #8 just a bit lighter than #9. d) then shade #3 a tad bit darker than #2. e) then shade #5 what you think a middle gray would be for that tool. f) then finish with the other squares. Each tool's range will be different; 4H will be much lighter than the others, for example. Except for the crayon, use your kneaded eraser to 'lift' up the pencil to lighten. Work gently to obtain a smooth shading, not going outside the lines. When you squint, there should be a steady flow from light to dark for each scale. Have fun!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

4H Pencil

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White (paper) Middle Gray Darkest

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

HB Pencil

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White (paper) Middle Gray Darkest

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Black Crayon

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White (paper) Middle Gray Darkest

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6B Pencil

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