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How To Draw From Scratch

Basic Drawing Tools

The best drawing tools are the ones you have when creativity strikes!



Pencil: A good graphite pencil is a wonderful drawing tool to have.

Pencils are graded on a scale from 9H to 9B.

9H, 8H, 7H, 6H, 5H, 4H, 3H, 2H, H, HB, B, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5B, 6B, 7B, 8B, 9B

H pencils are hard and draw a thin pale gray line, B pencils are soft and draw a dark black line.

A 4B pencil can give a full tonal range from very dark black to the faintest gray. When using a 4B pencil, if you want to keep a sharp point, you will need to sharpen it often.

The pencil I recommend is the Faber-Castell 9000 4B, it has an excellent tonal range.



Eraser: A white plastic eraser is a good eraser to use and works well for graphite pencil drawings. They are useful for erasing lines and tones and for cleaning areas of white paper. You can cut plastic erasers to shapes and points that can be useful as a drawing aid.

An alternative eraser to use is a kneaded eraser, these are soft and malleable and get dark with use. They are most useful for blending and when using charcoal.

The eraser I recommend is the Staedtler Mars plastic eraser.



Sharpener: Any cheap sharpener that is sharp is what I would recommend. You can also use a knife to make an interesting point.

Paper: When starting drawing, copy paper is best to use, as it is cheap. It is important to make many drawings. Cartridge drawing paper is the classic paper to use, it is thicker than copy paper and can be bought in different weights and white tones. For my Youtube drawings I often use Bristol Board, which has an extra smooth bright white drawing surface, 115lbs/250gsm in weight. The paper size I use is use A4 size (29.7 x 21 cm),

Pen: The pens I like to use are the Pilot V ball 0.7 liquid ink pen and the Rotring Art Pen, both use very black ink and are smooth to draw with.

Sketchbook: I use a Moleskine brand at the moment. I also recommend Daler Rowney. Any pocket sized sketchbook is great, but you need to take it with you!