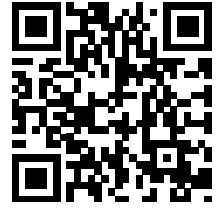


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Shading



Shading is a crucial skill in the art of _____. It involves varying the darkness or lightness of an area to depict light and shadow, giving a two-dimensional artwork a three-dimensional feel. When an artist masters shading, their work can come to life. One popular technique is _____, where fine parallel lines are used to build up darkness. Cross-hatching, on the other hand, involves drawing lines at an angle across the first set of lines, creating a denser area of _____.

Another technique is _____, where dots are used to create shade. The closer the dots, the darker the area appears. This method is time-consuming but offers great control over the shading intensity. Blending, or _____, is another approach. Here, an artist might use a finger, cloth, or blending stump to soften and merge the _____ for a smoother transition between light and shadow.

The choice of _____ also influences shading. Pencils, ranging from hard (H) to soft (B), offer different darkness levels. Softer pencils create darker lines, ideal for deep shadows. The paper's _____ also plays a role. Rough paper creates a different shading effect than smooth paper.

Understanding light sources is vital too. The position of the light source affects where the highlights and shadows fall on the _____. A good understanding of this concept can add realism to drawings. Finally, practicing different shading techniques is key to developing your own unique style. With patience and practice, shading can transform simple _____ into stunning pieces of art.

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