

Graphite Techniques

Materials List

We'll be making 2 small easy fold books, one for dry graphite techniques, the other for wet graphite techniques. There won't be time to make covers for the books but you'll get the details to do them at home.

- 2 x A3 or 4 x A4 pieces (preferably a combination of pieces of varying textures and smoothness/roughness so that all up your pieces equal 2 x A3, each piece being no smaller than A5) of good quality paper approx 180gsm – 250gsm. Some of the techniques are best on a smooth paper, others can take some texture. At Amity's workshop we mainly used Strathmore drawing paper, very hard to get unless buying online. Officeworks have A4 and A3 pads of good quality and weight Daler Rowney papers. **Bring a couple of pieces of A5 as spares in case of...**

Bring some (or whatever you have) of the following. The ones highlighted are required.

- Mechanical pencil 0.5 and 0.3 with leads
- Traditional pencils in varying hardnesses eg: HB, 2B, 4B, 6B, 2H, 4H
- Blackwings
- Water soluble graphite pencils
- Woodless pencils
- Graphite sticks
- Water soluble graphite stick (Lyra 6B or 9B)
- Art Graph water soluble graphite stick
- Art Graph Black Carbon water soluble ink block

There are many graphite products out there to buy, such as graphite powder, fluid graphite, kneadable graphite and compressed graphite. I haven't used them all and I don't plan to buy them all. Look at what you already have and buy what you think you will be likely to use again. If you at least have some pencils and something water soluble it should be enough. We can share resources.

- White eraser
- White eraser stick (Tombow mono) – Daiso used to have a cheap version of this.
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler
- Craft Knife and cutting mat (small)
- Flat brush to wet paper
- Brush for writing (flat, pointed, round or waterbrush)
- A couple of broad edged pens, larger sizes preferably
- Mini spray bottle
- Water jar
- Bone folder
- Derwent Sprinkler (It's a thing!) – used for finely grating graphite
- Plastic to protect table

