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Value Study Worksheet

Value refers to the gradual movement from black to gray to white. It is one of the seven elements of art and is used to create the illusion of 3-dimensions on a 2-dimensional (flat) surface.



Value (sometimes called tone or lightness) is a property of a colour. A colour with more white (or a lighter colour), is called a *tint*, a darker colour (more black) is called a *shade*. Adding either black or white reduces the *saturation* (or intensity) of the colour.

1. Using dots, hatching and cross-hatching, create a pen and ink value scale.

Lightest here	Lightest here						

2. In the next row, use simple shapes to create pattern showing a gradated progression from lightest to darkest. Example, circles, triangles, squares, leaf shapes, tear-drops. Hint: Less ink = lighter patterns.

Lightest here							Darkest here

3. In the next row, try the same thing but using letters and numbers for your pattern.

Lightest here						

4. Use the charts below to create practice value scale using pattern, juxtaposing different designs and patterns such as stripes, circles, oblongs, etc, to create the illusion of a particular tonal value. Try using more complex patterns; what kind of effects can you create? How many can you come up with?

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