Coloring Grayscale with Colored Pencils: The Basics

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TIP #1: Let the gray guide you on where and how dark or light of a color to use. Apply light colors over light grays, medium colors over medium grays and dark colors over the dark grays. With grayscale the transition from light to dark is often gradual. When this happens, use your medium color to layer and seamlessly blend from light to medium or medium to dark.



TIP #2: Follow the "3-Tone Rule" when choosing 3 tones from the same color. For example, for the yellow parts of the bee choose three shades of yellow: light yellow (e.g. Cream), medium yellow (e.g. Cadmium Yellow), dark yellow (e.g. Dark Naples Yellow).

TIP #3: Apply colored pencils in a circular motion. This helps the pigment of the pencils to get into the small tooth of the paper for better blending and to avoid grainy results.

TIP #4: Use light pressure when applying colored pencils. This helps you add multiple layers to produce vibrant results.

3-Tone Rule

Light	
Medium	
Dark	

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Learning Resources

- How to Color Grayscale: Resources for Getting Started: www.huelish.com/get-started
- Grayscale Coloring Techniques Blog: http://www.huelish.com/grayscale-coloring-techniques
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