

Essential Coloring Techniques for Increasing Contrast & Impact: Highlights, Shadows & Outlines

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Tip #1: Practice the 3-Tone Rule by choosing 3 tones from the same color with a variety of light, medium and dark.

Tip#2: HIGHLIGHTS: Apply white colored pencils on the lightest area of the grayscale using medium pressure. This will help maintain the brightness and enhance the highlights.

Tip#3: OUTLINING: Use very thin lines to create outlines. Follow the grayscale as the outline colors may vary from white, black, to deeper or lighter shades of the color of the subject. Observe where the light touches the subject and where shadows fall.

Tip#4: SHADOWS: Basically these are the areas opposite of the highlights. Target the medium and dark gray areas. Increase the contrast by adding a layer of a darker color and gradually boost by using black at the final stage with light pressure.

The 3-Tone Rule

Light	
Medium	
Dark	



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- Grayscale Coloring Techniques Blog: <http://www.huelish.com/grayscale-coloring-techniques>
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- Facebook Coloring Group for Beautiful Creatures and Beautiful Nature: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/427491640779965/>

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