

Mark-making tools for Sketching & Drawing

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Category	Tool	Description
Graphite Pencils	2H H F HB B 2B 3B 4B 5B 6B 7B 8B	Graphite pencils are graded on a scale from hard (H) to black (B), with “HB” and “F” in the middle of the scale. The grade affects the darkness and hardness of the graphite, which influences how the pencil feels on paper and how it looks when applied. 2H–H: Hard, light marks – ideal for fine lines and technical drawing. F–HB: Medium – good for general writing and sketching. B–2B: Softer and darker – suitable for drawing and shading. 3B–8B: Very soft, very dark – perfect for bold lines, deep shading, and expressive artwork.
Graphite Tools	Natural Charcoal	Made from burned willow or vine, this brittle, lightweight tool is excellent for fast, expressive mark-making and loose sketching.
Graphite Tools	Compressed Charcoal	A ground charcoal powder mixed with a binding agent and then compressed into stick. Ideal for intense black areas, strong shadows and more controlled lines.
Graphite Tools	Charcoal Pencil	This is compressed charcoal in pencil form, offering all the richness of charcoal with the control of a pencil, ideal for detailed charcoal drawing.
Graphite Tools	Graphite Stick	A thick, solid piece of graphite that’s perfect for bold marks, shading large areas quickly and gestural drawing.
Pens	Broad Pen	A thick-nibbed pen that produces bold, striking lines, great for outlines, calligraphy and impactful graphic work.
Pens	Fine Pen	This pen offers a controlled, narrow line, making it perfect for precise detail, outlining and technical drawing.
Pens	Fineliner	Precision pens ideal for detailed work, line drawing, and illustration. 0.1mm: Ultra-fine for intricate detail. 0.3mm: Fine lines for outlines and sketching. 0.5mm: Medium line, great for general drawing and writing.
Other Mark-Making Tools	Oil Pastel	A soft, creamy stick that glides over paper, ideal for bold colour work, blending and expressive drawings with texture.



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