

THE TOP 5 DRAWING MATERIALS I USE

(HINT: NONE OF THESE ARE EXPENSIVE)



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1) Prismacolor ColErase Blue Pencil

I use the blue pencil ALL THE TIME, and I absolutely love it. When I begin most drawings, I start by sketching lightly with the blue pencil.

I can be LOOSE and LIGHT. I use this blue pencil to rough out the guidelines, shapes and structures before doing finished lines with a darker pencil. Also the blue color is simply "cool" to look at on paper. Sometimes I use the red pencil, but it doesn't matter which one you choose. Plus, the blue pencil lead doesn't smudge on your paper like a regular lead pencil would.



2) Printer Paper (20lb stock)

Many people ask what kind of paper I use. Guess what? I use the same paper a lot of people have in their printers at home. This is all you need for your drawings. I've used many drawing tools on this paper: all kinds of pencils, brush pens, markers. You can get this at any office supply store...or Wal-Mart & Target.

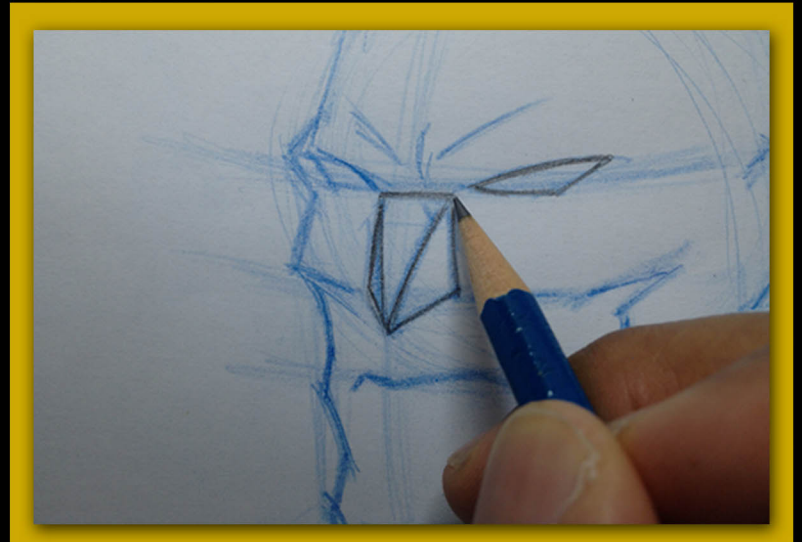
3) Kneaded Eraser

The kneaded eraser is great because it can "lightly" erase BIG areas of the unwanted-scribbly pencil lines. A regular eraser (on a pencil) pulls paper fibers out of the paper (making it thinner); but a kneaded eraser is "less" destructive to the paper. Plus, you can shape the eraser into a "tip", so it can reach the tiny hard-to-get places of your drawing. I also can shape it into a cylinder and roll it across the entire drawing to lightly erase large areas; very similar to rolling a baking pin across dough. I use this just as much as the blue pencil.



4) Pencil sharpener

This is a great pencil sharpener. It's cordless and takes 2 AA batteries, so you won't have extra cords on your desk. The tiny size makes it great for on-the-go. I take it on trips with me all the time.



5) HB Pencil

Most people think you need "special" drawing tools to be a great artist.

(SECRET: The standard 2HB school pencil

is all you need to be an artist. The truth is...all professional artists learned how to draw with a regular "No. 2 HB" pencil when they were kids. None of us had "drawing" pencil sets or expensive markers. We only had the regular pencil that mom & dad gave us). You can start your sketches by drawing lightly with it, then gradually get darker with the lines you want to keep. Plus it already comes with an eraser. I still use this frequently.



THERE YOU HAVE IT! I HOPE THIS TAKES THE MYSTERY OUT OF WHAT DRAWING TOOLS YOU NEED. REMEMBER, YOU DON'T NEED FANCY-EXPENSIVE DRAWING TOOL SETS TO MAKE BEAUTIFUL ART. YOU CAN FIND ALL THESE SUPPLIES AT YOUR LOCAL ART SUPPLY STORE AND ONLINE. THE ONLY THING THAT WILL MAKE YOU A BETTER ARTIST IS LOTS OF DRAWING PRACTICE. HAVE FUN!