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Ten Top Tips using Tinted Charcoal Pencils

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1. Make a colour chart of the entire colour range on pastel paper.
2. Make a colour chart and add the white pencil to your colours to get a wider variety of tones.
3. Try Tinted Charcoal on different surfaces, such as velour paper and watercolour paper, for variations in texture.
4. Use coloured paper as an extra 'colour' in your work.
5. To create a third colour, merge two colours together with a paper stump or your finger tip.
6. When sharpening your Tinted Charcoal, take care to keep the pencil straight in the sharpener so as not to put pressure on the tip. This will stop the charcoal crumbling when it is sharpened
7. Soft pencil strokes are ideal for animal fur.
8. To create highlights, use a craft knife to scrape back to the paper colour.
9. The white pencil is great for adding highlights to your drawing and lightening tones.
10. A kneadable eraser is a very useful tool. It can be used to lift charcoal off to create highlights and is invaluable for cleaning up smudges and unwanted marks.







