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Robust blocks for creative expression

Cows (Finished drawing 8" x 9")



INTRODUCTION

Natural Graphite blocks are ideal for creating free, expressive graphite drawings. Available in soft, medium and hard grades, they are naturally water-soluble and have a slightly dusty quality for easy blending.

MATERIALS USED:

Derwent Graphite used:
Soft, Medium, Hard

White cartridge paper 125lbs
No. 10 brush

1 Using a corner edge of the medium Graphite stick, outline the cows using bold strokes.



2 Use the light Graphite stick on its side to block in the ears, noses and build up the shadow area. With a finger gently smudge and soften the areas to give a diffused look.

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3 Using the soft Graphite stick, which is the darkest tone, on its side, block in the darkest sections of the cows. This contrasts extremely well with the harder graphite previously used. The darker tone will also bring the foreground forward so introduce some bold strokes to the straw at the front.

Blend the areas on the cows to intensify the tone.



4 Finally with a no. 10 brush and clean water, using bold fluid strokes wet the straw area and background; this gives a very painterly finish to the drawing.

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