

Using a Graphite Pencil

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About Pencil Hardness:

- **H** = 'hardness' or **hard** = leave less graphite on the paper = **lighter**
- **B** = 'blackness' or **black** = **softer**, leave more graphite on the paper = **darker**
- **F** = Fine Point = hard pencil - easy to keep sharp, too hard for drawing.
- **HB** = # 2 pencil, **B** = # 1.
- Number from 2 to 9 to indicate the degree of hardness or softness.
- From **hardest/lighter** to **softest/darker**:
9H, 8H, 7H, 6H, 5H, 4H, 3H, 2H, H, HB, B, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5B, 6B, 7B, 8B, 9B.

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