

EXPERIMENT WITH DERWENT XL CHARCOAL

1. Try making marks - what can you feel? How is it different to the graphite? Try using the sides, edges and corners, see what different marks you can achieve. Try using it in different directions and different pressures. Experiment!
2. LAYERING – charcoal is more opaque than the graphite so you can achieve more robust marks. You can completely cover over what you've drawn – even with white!
3. Our unique White 'charcoal' block doesn't actually contain any charcoal. It is however made from the same ingredients as the other XL Charcoal blocks, so it feels and works the same and adds an extra dimension to working with charcoal as it can be used for highlighting and blending more colours.
4. Colour range consists of all warm colours. Classic drawing colours - earthy tones.

Ochre	01
Sanguine	02
Mars Violet	03
Sepia	04
Black	05
White	06
5. Test the water! –the XL Charcoal Blocks are naturally water-soluble so add water and see how it feels. Spray water onto the charcoal using the Spritzer. Move the charcoal with a waterbrush.



DERWENT XL CHARCOAL STEP BY STEP

1. Let's draw something! Although popular with charcoal – we are not going to do a portrait... not a human anyway! We're going to draw a portrait of an owl... the eyes to be exact!
2. Draw 2 circles and the eye brows using Ochre.
3. Add pupil shape and colour around the eye. Colour in most of the eye but leave the centre white.
4. Use Sepia to add in eyebrow marks and around the eyes.

TURN OVER...

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DERWENT XL CHARCOAL STEP BY STEP CONTINUED...

5. Block in colour using the side of the Ochre block.
6. Go over with White on the eye brow area and under the eyes.
7. Add black to the pupils, around the eyes, into corners of eyes and under eyebrows.
8. Add White to eyes, over the Ochre.
9. Use Sanguine under the eyes and follow the direction from the eyes out.
10. Use Sepia for the shadow under the eyes.
11. Add white reflections to the eyes and more Sepia around the outside of eyes and apply broad strokes of Ochre into the forehead.

