

5 Free Tips for Getting Started with Pastel Pencils

1. Use the Right Paper

Choose textured paper like Pastelmat or sanded paper - smooth surfaces won't hold your pigment well.

2. Layer Lightly

Build up color slowly with light layers. Pressing too hard too soon flattens the paper and limits blending.

3. Keep Your Pencils only Sharp until the end

A fine point gives you better control, especially for fur, feathers, and tiny details.

4. Blend with Tools, Not Fingers

Use blending stumps, soft brushes, or cotton swabs instead of your fingers—skin oils can affect the paper and the pigment. .

5. Start working from left corner

Working from the left corner above to the right corner below helps avoid smudging and keeps your subject crisp.

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