

LO: To explore colour mixing with watercolour pencils
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You can mix and blend colours with coloured pencils, crayons and pastels as well as paints. Some coloured pencils and crayons are water-soluble, which means that when they are wetted, the colours move and blend. These pencils are watercolour pencils. The coloured 'lead' is made up of solid watercolour pigment and, after you have drawn a mark, you can wet it with a brush dipped in water and the pigment will turn into wet paint, just as it does when you put a wet brush on a tablet of paint in a paint box.

Resources

Box of watercolour pencils

1 water pot

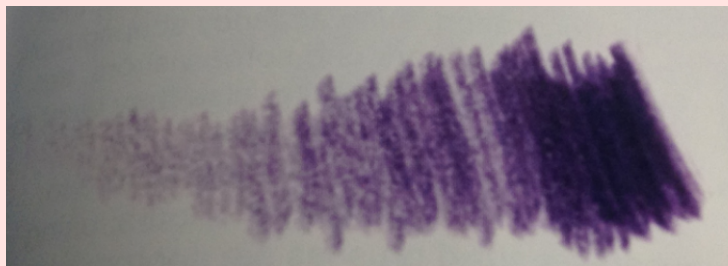
A4 cartridge paper

A fine short-handed brush

Practical activity

Try out the different coloured pencils.

Look how to make a kind of 'tornado' by using the side of the pencil rather than the point, drawing heavily to begin with and gradually getting lighter to get the full range of tones.

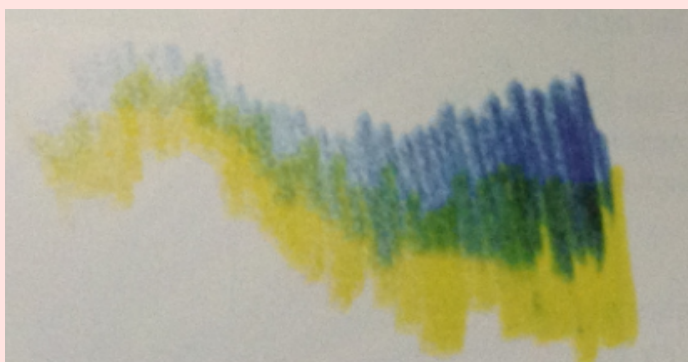


Practical activity

Draw some tornadoes in different colours, and then draw some more in different colours, partly over the top of the first ones. Try a darker colour over a lighter one and then a lighter colour over a darker one to see which blends the best.



Try out different combinations.



Instructions

1. Dip the brush into the water, stroke it on the side of the water pot to remove excess water, and then gently wet the colours with the tip of the brush so that they blend.
2. You need to wash your brush between paints.
3. Blend some or all of your coloured tornadoes.

Instructions

Now try using watercolour pencils to draw a picture of Saltaire.

You need to blend the colours with a wetted brush when you have finished drawing.

A little watercolour brush goes a long way when it is wetted so if you want a subtle effect, you need to bear this in mind.

