

How to Draw with Oil Pastels

Supplies:

1. Black Construction Paper
2. Tissue Paper
3. Oil Pastel Set
4. Scratch Paper

Techniques:

Coloring

When coloring with the oil pastel on the paper, apply hard pressure and color in a horizontal motion. Color in a steady and even manner. You want to make sure the pigment is solid and visible on the paper. For smaller areas of your drawing, color in small circular motions to fill those gaps.

Layering

Adding a dark shade of a color will create a nice contrast between lighter and darker pigments on the paper. Color and apply hard pressure in a horizontal motion over the existing layers.

Blending

Use a tissue paper to blend the colors. Rub the tissue paper over the two colors. Make sure not to smudge or smear with other colors that you are not blending.

Coloring a Sunset Landscape

Position your construction paper in landscape. Put scratch paper underneath to avoid getting pigments on your desk or workspace area.

1. Coloring the sky

You will need an orange and red orange (or red equivalent) oil pastel for coloring. Color one layer of each color in a horizontal motion. Color and alternate between both colors until you reach to about the half of the paper.

Then grab a darker shade of an orange oil pastel for adding the layer. Color and apply pressure over each layer in a horizontal motion.

Last, grab a piece of tissue paper for blending the sky. Rub the tissue paper over the colors.

2. Coloring the ocean

For the second half of your paper. You will need a medium shade of blue (It can navy, royal blue or any shade) and sky blue (or light blue equivalent) oil pastel for coloring. Color one layer of each color in a horizontal motion. Alternate between both colors.

Then grab a darker shade of a blue oil pastel for adding the layer. Color and apply pressure over each layer.

Grab a piece of tissue paper to blend the ocean colors.

3. Coloring the Sun

You will need a yellow and lemon yellow (or light yellow equivalent) oil pastel for coloring. Draw a half yellow circle between the sky and ocean. Color one layer of each in a horizontal motion. Alternate between both colors.

Then grab a darker shade of yellow for adding the layer. Color and apply pressure over each layer.

Last, use a tissue paper and blend the sun colors. Be careful not to smear or blend other colors.

