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COLOR PENCIL TECHNIQUES



YELLOW $\longleftrightarrow$ VIOLET

$R$

## COLOR TEMPERATURE:

RED


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## Prismacolor 101

The following are tips and tricks for successfully using Prismacolor.


- Burnishing is when you layer and blend all the colors together while using heavy pressure. This is the final step because it diminishes the paper's tooth.
- Tooth refers to the texture of the paper. Your paper needs tooth or else the pigment will not be able to layer/blend.
- Bristol board, Strathmore brand (weight 80) is the best paper to use. The more weight (weight = paper thickness/ thinness) the better.
- Color in small circles. Avoid scribble motion.
- Use an electric eraser. Sakura brand is the best. You can use a nail file to "sharpen" the tip of the eraser.
- Rubbing alcohol can help blend because the solvent breaks down the wax pigment, turning it into "paint" like.
- Spray fixative to avoid waxing. Waxing is a white haze that appears in heavily worked areas.
- Every time a pencil drops onto the floor or table, the lead inside breaks. To "glue" the lead back together, place pencils outside on a hot day or on a heating pad. This will melt the wax inside the pencil thus fusing it back together
- If you are using a reference image, pixelate it! This will help with color matching because it breaks down/simplifies the colors in the image.
- To prevent sweat and grease from smearing your work, place a paper towel under your hand.
- As you are working, write down the colors' name on the back of your paper. If you take a break or run out of class time, you will need to know exactly which colors you used for when you return.


## Prismacolor Blending/Shading Guideline

The following are color families with exact Prisma names that you may consider using when blending/shading.

| RED | ORANGE | YELLOW |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Spanish Orange | Canary Yellow | Canary Yellow |
| Poppy Red | Spanish Orange | Spanish Orange |
| Crimson Red | Orange | Golden Rod |
| Shadows: | Shadows: | Shadows: |
| Tuscan Red \& Indigo | Tuscan Red \& Indigo | Tuscan Red \& Indigo |
| Blue | Blue | Blue |
| GREEN | BLUE | VIOLET |
| Apple Green | True Blue | Parma Violet |
| Grass Green | Peacock Blue | Violet |
| Dark Green | Indigo Blue | Violet Blue |
| Shadows: | Shadows: | Shadows: |
| Tuscan Red \& Indigo | Tuscan Red \& Indigo | Tuscan Red \& Indigo |
| Blue | Blue | Blue |

