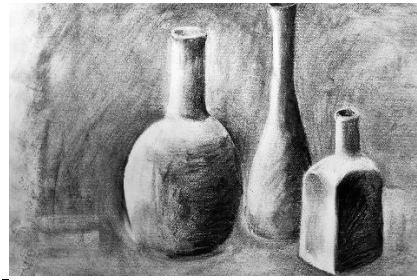




Charcoal Art



How do you work with charcoal?

Charcoal is a good art medium to use to create **tones** in your sketches. **Tone** means adding black, or dark colours to your art work. This helps to make your drawings more 3D and life-like. To draw with charcoal, hold it like a pencil to make sharp edges, applying more pressure if you want a darker line. To make softer, broader strokes, hold the charcoal on its side and drag it across your paper. If you want to add shadows to your drawing, use a piece of paper or your finger to smudge the charcoal.



Famous Artist



Dennis Creffield is an artists, whose work is exhibited in the Tate Art museum in Liverpool. He is a Bristish artist, born in London, in 1931, but unfortunately died at age 87. He was well-known for using charcoal and got a lot of his art inspiration from catherderals.



Example Questions

1. What make charcoal a good medium to use in sketching?
2. What was Dennis Creffield's favourite thing to sketch using charcoal?
3. How can charcoal be used to create shadows?
4. What does tone mean in art?



Challenge

Using Dennis Creffield as inspiration, can you use charcoal to draw something that inspires you. It could be a still-life sketch, or a sketch from a photograph. Try to experiment with create light and dark areas to your work by adding pressure to your charcoal and using the blending method to add shadows.