

Ten Top Tips using Graphitint Pencils

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- 1** Make a colour chart showing colours dry and wet. Leave space for favourite colour mixes.
- 2** A waterbrush is handy for wetting small areas, especially when out and about.
- 3** Draw small studies to try out different strokes and colour combinations.
- 4** Spray dry Graphitint with a Derwent Spritzer and watch the colours merge.
- 5** Wet your paper first and then draw onto this with Graphitint, this will create stronger tones.
- 6** Experiment with rough and smooth watercolour paper for different effects.
- 7** Try the 'paper palette' method: scribble squares of colour thickly onto scrap paper, lift the colour off the paper with a wet brush and then apply to your drawing.
- 8** Let your wash dry and then add further washes for deeper tones.
- 9** Add white to your drawing to lighten tones and add highlights.
- 10** For texture on rocks, foliage or fur, use a craft knife to scrape colour from the tip of the pencil onto a wet wash.

