

# Eye Study 

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## THE GRID METHOD

## Breaking down complex forms

## chuck close <br> \& the grid method


https://youtu.be/milXH-433vs


## Draw a $4 \times 4$ grid on your paper







Grid
Black paper= $\mathbf{2 x} \mathbf{2}$ inch grid DRAW LIGHT ( $4 \times 6$ squares)


## Black Paper

$=2 \times 2$ inch grid


You will have a small piece section

## Animal Eye Photo <br> $=1 / 2 \times 1 / 2$ inch grid



## Blocking Colors



It might be helpful to outline the main shapes and lines on your eye photo, with a colored marker.


## Transfer Image



You should have something similar to a coloring book page when you are done, outlines only.


## COLOR BLOCKING

Render one color at a time, working in Layers

Start from the center of your paper, and work outward to avoid smudging
Place paper under your hand for added control.


Build up one colored area at a time before moving onto another colored area. Remember, use more than one color of pastel!


Start adding texture, by controlled stokes, stippling, sgraffito, or finger blending.


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## 1st Layer

Light and loose scumbling to get your base layer.

## 2nd Layer

Medium pressure.
If you want the color darker, add your darker color now.

## 3rd Layer

Medium to heavy pressure.
Light color to blend.

Add texture with directional strokes, stippling, sgraffito, blending

## TEXTURE

Use directional lines, scratching, or stippling to create texture.


## FUR

Layer your pastel colors for your base

Add short quick strokes for hair

Keep layering these hair strokes until you can no longer see the paper underneath

## MEDIUM STUDY Oil Pastel Demo

## Follow Along

You will need:

- Three analogous pastels
- Black and White pastel
- Sketchbook
- Pencil
- Paper towel



# HELPFUL REMINDER 

Learn from the mistakes of others!

> "EARN from the mistakes
> of others. You can never
> LIVE LONG ENOUGH To"
> MAKE THEE All yourself."

## Spend time perfecting your grid

Or your eye will turn out distorted. Make sure each area of your grid is a perfect square.


## Start from the

 centerPlace paper under your hand to prevent smears.

## Save the black areas for last



## Not enough <br> layers

If your layers aren't thick enough, your grid will show through your pastel.



## STUDENT WORK <br> Examples of final products

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