

Soft Pastels

Exploring Materials: Soft Pastels



Soft pastels (also known as chalk pastels) are vibrant, highly pigmented sticks made from dry chalk and bound with a resin or gum. They vary in hardness, ranging from soft to very hard, making them great for experimenting with line quality, layering and smudging.

Coloured papers with a bit of bite, such as sugar paper, are a great surface to use with chalk pastels.

Enjoy this collection of resources, all of which are easily adaptable for all ages and settings.

INTRODUCTION TO SOFT PASTELS

Artist Lance Richardson introduces soft pastels –

their characteristics and how they might be used.

[See the full post here.](#)

explore pastels and chalks

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