

Charcoal

Exploring Materials: Charcoal



Charcoal is made from burning wood and can have many uses. As a drawing material, charcoal produces rich black lines that can be smudged to create a variety of tonal areas. It comes in three different forms: compressed, willow, w, and pen, which all have their own specific qualities.

Charcoal is one of the oldest drawing materials. Dating back 30,000 years, charcoal drawings would adorn cave walls.

Explore the resources below to begin your exploration of charcoal.

introduction to charcoal

Artist Lance Richardson introduces charcoal – its characteristics and how it might be used.

[See the full post here.](#)

explore Charcoal...

Handpicked resources to help inspire an exploration of charcoal

Discovering Charcoal Warm Up Exercises



zoom session recording: Exploring Charcoal



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