

Patriotic Flags

(A lesson in color theory and drawing in 3-D)

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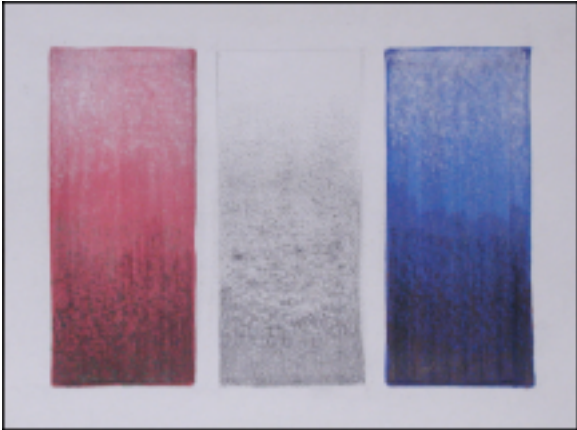
Materials needed:

Ruler
Drawing pencil
Red and Blue permanent markers
Orange and Green colored pencils
White chalkboard chalk

American flag

14"x17" white illustration paper

Procedure:

- Practice shading with colored pencil on the handout first. Color the rectangles with solid permanent marker, then use the colors complement to shade the left side with heavy pressure, gradually decreasing the pressure to let more solid color show through as you get near the center of the rectangle. Go over the area that has colored pencil with the permanent marker again. Use the white chalkboard chalk to lighten the right portion of the rectangle to create highlights.
 - Use the drawing pencil to shade the white rectangle from dark at the bottom to pure white at the top, and chalk to complete the black rectangle.
 - To the left is a sample of red and blue rectangles shaded in this manner.
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- Take a digital photograph of an arranged U.S. flag with a minimum of some red, some white, some blue, and at least one star.
 - On the 14"x17" white illustration paper, lightly draw a 1" border then your photographed view of the flag.
 - Use the shading techniques you practiced to add dimension to your drawing.