

## Ten Top Tips using Coloursoft Pencils

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- 1 Try out every colour on the paper you are planning to use and keep it for future reference.
- 2 Shade each colour from dark to light.
- 3 Coloursoft is soft and waxy so perfect for blending. Practise blending the colours together. Alternate the order of layers e.g. red over yellow, yellow over red.
- 4 Write beside your blended colours exactly what you did. You may not remember!
- 5 Try blending brown and indigo to make a soft warm black.
- 6 Use black for the pupil of an eye or the very darkest marks.
- 7 Use white as a wax resist for areas such as veins of a leaf.
- 8 Use the blender pencil to soften and even out layers and use a burnisher pencil to add a shine or photo-like finish to your drawings.
- 9 Experiment with Coloursoft over a watercolour or Inktense wash. A great depth of colour and subtle shading can be achieved.
- 10 Remember temperature can affect your pencils. A warmer environment can help your pencils blend more easily, ideal when completing larger areas.

