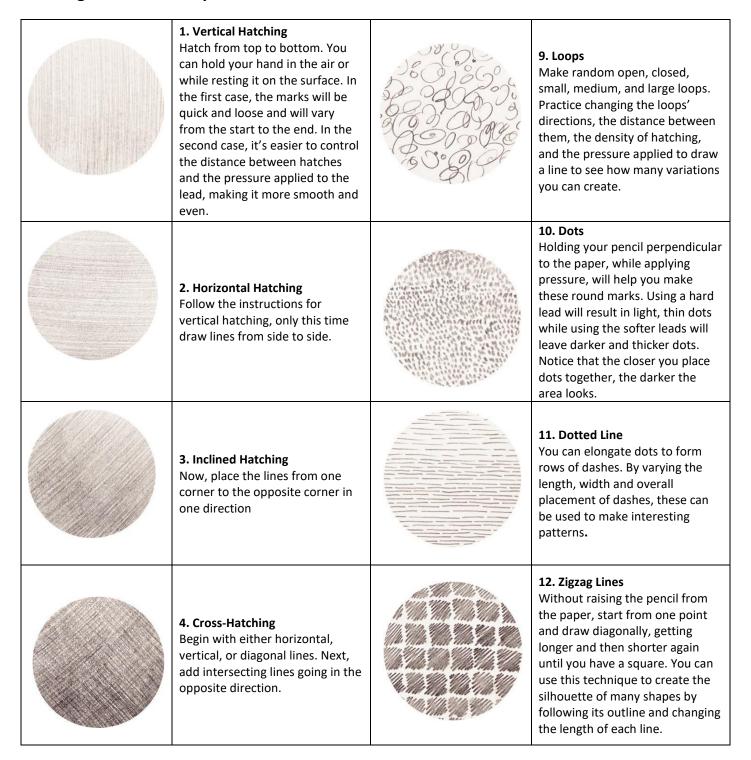
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Drawing: Pencil Techniques







5. Radial Hatching

Start your marks at the centre and work rows of short diagonal hatching out until you get to the edge of the page.



13. Interwoven Textures

Create the look of woven fabric by hatching in random directions all over the page. Vary the angles and shapes of your hatching to make it more visually interesting.



6. Expressive Hatching

The softest lead, such as 6B, is best for this technique. Use random and intermittent lines, changing the pressure applied to the lead and their direction throughout.



14. Basketweave Patterns

Alternate between vertical and horizontal hatching, drawing the same number of strokes for each to make rows that resemble the texture of a basket



7. Contour Lines

These are smooth marks of varying distances apart made by applying even amounts of pressure to the lead.



15. Wavy Lines

Start with long strokes of various shapes. Decide which areas you want to be solid colors. After filling those in, add more lines inside the shapes, following the existing contours. This is how "zentangles" are created and can be quite meditative to draw.



8. Feathering

For the maximum effect, use a soft lead. Adding plenty of pressure, apply a dark layer of graphite. Take a scrap piece of paper or a pre-rolled paper stump and rub the area until the marks are soft and well blended.



16. Scribbling

While never lifting your pencil, draw triangular, square, oval, and polygonal shapes all over the paper. Add contrast by applying a lot or a little pressure while also varying the distance apart the lines are.

Recommendations

- Use hatching, feathering, and contouring for initial sketches, to add volume and lighting, and to make your drawings look the most 3-dimensional.
- Use the dots, loops, wavy lines, and scribbling to add the look of metal, wood, fabric, or water.
- Textures are suitable for decorative pictures, styling work, formal composition, and other graphics.
- Featherings can be made "texture-like" by preserving the edges of the strokes the pencil leaves. With this technique, the rougher the paper, the more vibrant the effect you'll achieve.

