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Good luck, I look forward to commenting on your work!

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S3 Still life colour study composition - "The Busker"

The following still life colour study has been created using a HB pencil and then completed using watercolour pencils. You can also use colour pencils or watercolour paint or a tonal study using a pencil if you prefer.

Watercolour pencils are used in a similar way to colour pencils but once the drawing stage has been completed, a soft brush is then used to blend areas of the picture with water. This technique is similar to that of a watercolour painting, but it can be less challenging.

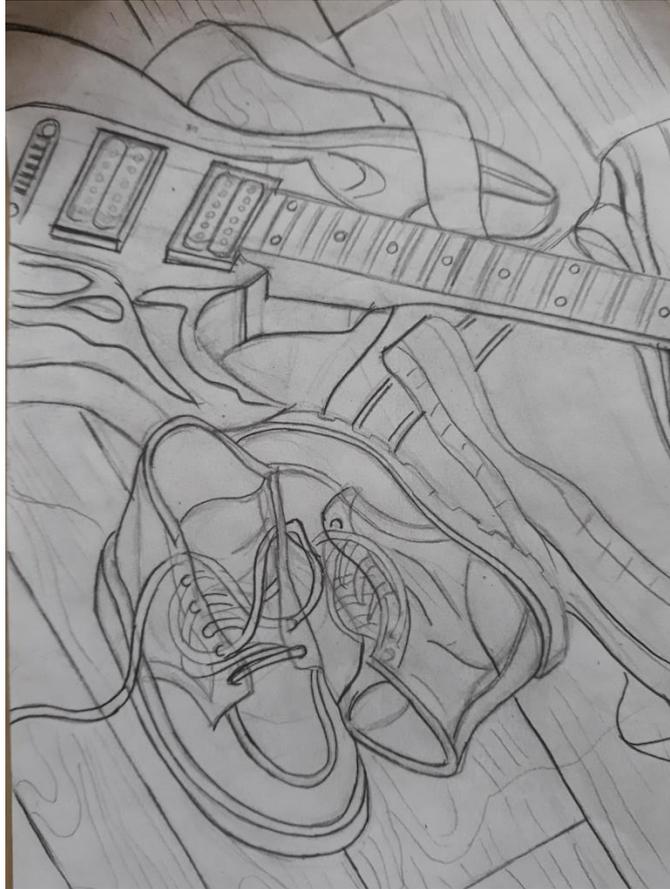


Step 1 - Sketching the composition

Sketch out the composition, paying close attention to the size of one object compared to the other ones.

In this example, the boots were drawn first, followed by the rucksack and then finishing with the guitar.

The wooden floorboards were added to hold the composition together with parallel diagonal lines. You could use a ruler or a straight edge at this stage if you wish. You should draw these lines lightly through the main objects to keep the lines of perspective accurate.



Step 3 - Introducing colour to your composition

You will now be ready to add colour to your original drawing. This should be done gradually because this will make it easier to mix colours as the work progresses.

Use the side of the pencils and change the direction of the marks that you make.

This is important even at this early stage because the direction of the marks that you make can be used to create depth and **form** (3-dimensional shape).



Step 5 – Finishing touches (colour pencil)

If you are using colour pencils you would use this final stage to refine the textures that you are trying to show. You would also use darker tones to enhance the sense of depth even further than in the previous stage.

This is particularly important on the strap and body of the guitar and in the darker areas, which appear on the inside of the boots.

