Holding your Pastel Pencils





Positioning your hand closer to the end of the pastel pencil gives you more control and precision but heavier strokes.

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Gripping further up the pencil barrel gives less control but lighter strokes and more freedom.



Holding the pencil like a brush can give you a more 'painterly' technique with total flexibility and freedom of movement.

Top Tip: Your skin has oils that can alter the purity of the paper, or attach to the paper and repel the medium. To protect your artwork, wear a glove or place a piece of paper under your hand. This also avoids staining your fingers.

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