

Holding your Graphite Pencils



How you hold a pencil is what makes you feel most comfortable – this is a guide, not a rule.



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



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.

Try it yourself

