

## Suggested material for life drawing

Sticks of charcoal are always a favourite because of the quality of line and ease of covering areas quickly.

A putty rubber works well with charcoal to add highlights and model forms.

If you don't fancy getting dirty then Derwent have a good range of compressed charcoal. I like the Natural, light and dark ones particularly. These sharpen up well with a craft knife since a pencil sharpener will tend to waste a lot and break the "lead" more easily.

Conté make very good compressed pastel sketching sticks or pencils that include earth tones and white which can be useful on mid tone grounds.

Coloured paper is useful so that you can use soft or oil pastels, ideally you need something with a bit of texture. Sugar paper is the cheapest and Canson specialise in acid free pastel paper that will not discolour easily.

The range sell inexpensive A3 booklets of cartridge paper

You can buy fixative in aerosol to prevent your drawings from smudging but they say hairspray works too. Sennelier do a fixative for oil pastel but it leaves a slightly satin finish. Crepe paper works well to separate your finished drawings.