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Pitt Pastel Pencils



Finest Artists' Quality · Made in Germany

Carbon-neutral production

Faber-Castell's forests in Prata, Southeast Brazil, absorb 900,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂), according to a scientific study by TÜV-Rheinland in 2012. The 10,000 hectare forestry project not only secures stocks of sustainable wood but also protects the environment through photosynthesis, which converts the CO₂ into biomass. The pine trees and forests in Prata, one third of which have been left untouched, therefore neutralise the climate-relevant carbon footprint of Faber-Castell's global production facilities. Large parts of the forests have become a habitat for rare species of animals and plants, a respectful interaction with nature is key for Faber-Castell.



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The Faber-Castell Group is working worldwide to reduce plastics or replace them with recycled materials.



Every product contains valuable raw materials. To extend their usability, many products can be refilled.



Further information can be found on our sustainability website:
<https://www.faber-castell.com/corporate/sustainability>

Faber-Castell stands for quality

Faber-Castell is one of the world's leading manufacturers and marketers of quality products for writing, drawing and creative design – the brand name is world-famous. In the core area of woodcased pencils, the group is the most important and oldest manufacturer in the world with a production capacity of more than 2 billion pencils and coloured pencils.

Its Art & Graphic range allows Faber-Castell to enjoy a great reputation among artists and hobby painters. Prestigious creative minds have recognised this expertise since time immemorial – from Vincent van Gogh to Karl Lagerfeld. High quality artists' pigments ensure light resistance and thus brilliance and colour intensity for decades. All products are based on the same colour system, enabling reliable mixing techniques of artists' pencils, whether water-soluble or indelible.



Pastel pencils

Pure drawing joy

No painting medium combines drawing techniques and scenic expression better than pastel painting. With artists' pastels and artists' pastel pencils you can get started straight away without any time-consuming preparation. In addition, drawing with bright pigment is easy.

Pitt Pastel Pencils

As an ideal supplement to artists' pastels, artists use the oil-free Pitt Pastel pencils for preliminary drawings in order to set specific lights in the picture and to work out fine details.

With the comprehensive assortment of 60 colours and the countless opportunities of colour mixing the Pitt Pastel pencils provide an inexhaustible wealth of colours. Colour-balanced tin assortments as well as individual pencils are commercially available.

All 60 colours correspond to the 120 colours of the comprehensive colour system of the Faber-Castell artists' pencils and thus guarantee the optimum interplay of numerous combination possibilities.





The substrate

The right paper

The substrate for good drawing results is a surface free from fat and acid.

It is recommended that beginners use papers specially designed for pastel painting, such as Ingres or Mi Teintes papers. They have a rough, grained surface that is optimally prepared for absorbing colour pigments. The reversed side has a smoother surface. Coloured papers give the crayon a special luminosity. The paper colour blends visually with the shade of pencil and must therefore be included in the composition.

Pastel pencils also stick on many rough surfaces, such as cardboard, wood and stone. A special pastel primer also gives less suitable surfaces the necessary adhesion.



Pen shape

The Pitt Pastel pencils provide clean and uncomplicated handling. With the woodfinished pencil, drawing techniques such as hatching or shading can have an effect. The pencils can be sharpened with sharpening knives or sharpening machines.



Colour wheel

Complementary colours · Brighten and darken colours

A colour circle is a good aide for determining colour harmonies and families.

Pure complementary colours cancel each other out when layered on top of each other and mix to produce a shade of grey. As for darkening a colour, not just black or grey can be used, but also the respective complementary colour provides delightful results.

Colours can be brightened up with a white or light colour crayon.



Tip

Complementary colours put next to each other enhance each other's colour effect. So, for example, orange makes blue shine when placed next to it.





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Mixing colours

Hatchings

Seen from a distance, hatchings merge into colour areas. The closer the lines are to each other, the more intense and dark the colour effect is. Hatchings can be created with pastel pencils. The arrangement and closeness of lines determine the appearance of the hatching.

Parallel hatchings

Parallel lines are the hallmark of parallel hatching. Here, the line distance varies the tonality. The closer together the lines are, the darker the area appears.

Cross hatchings

For cross hatching, hatchings are overlapped at different angles. Depending upon the density of the lines and the number of colours used, nuanced mixed tones are created. Practice is needed for multi-coloured cross hatchings, so for beginners, it is safer to limit yourself to a few colours.



Mixing and smudge colours

The most popular technique in pastel painting is smudging directly on the paper. The applied color is rubbed into the surface of the paper with a finger, a blending stump (Estompen), a cloth, a sponge or a brush. You start by smudging light colours and move onto dark colours.

Smudging dense hatchings or adjacent colour surfaces, soft, flowing colour gradients are created. Smudging just the transitions of the adjacent colours is sufficient for avoiding mixing too strongly. By complementary colour application, the intensity of the colour and the quality of the colour transitions is improved.

When drawing, a sheet of paper under the drawing hand prevents unwanted smudging of colour pigments.



Refined and creative

Glazing colour application

This is where a pre-applied colour is overlaid by another, thinly applied colour. This creates an optical mixture, because the base colour shines through the upper layer of colour.

Painting with baby oil

Using a brush or a cloth, pastel pencils can be smudged flat with baby oil. This is one way of applying large-scale undercoats in no time at all.

Large-scale colouring

Using an emery board, you can produce finely ground paint particles which can be absorbed with your finger and applied onto the paper. This technique is also recommended for quickly colouring larger areas.

Textures

Extravagant textures are achieved by stripping away colour particles with a knife. The depiction of large sandy areas, fields, or paths is given a lively appearance by the loose particles.





Techniques

Fixing

All pastel products - whether pastels or pastel pencils - are very sensitive due to the low amount of waxes and oils and can be smudged accidentally very quickly. The use of a fixative helps here. The fine film, sprayed at a distance of about 30 cm, binds the pigments, but also slightly darkens the colours.

Fixed areas offer a great advantage: you can continue to alter the image with new layers of colour on the dried fixing. Intermediate fixings thus allow layer-like work and even on dark surfaces light reflections are created depending on fixing.

Sometimes, partial fixing is sufficient. This is easy to do with the help of a template.

After completing your image, fix it one last time and let the fixing dry.



Tools

If there is one indispensable tool in pastel painting, it is an art eraser. The soft mass can be moulded to whatever shape you need and blotting makes it easier to correct either a small or large area of an image.

The art eraser is also a stylistic aide. Exact lines or cones of light can be made from a colour surface with the help of overlaying papers.

On smooth, solid paper types, a vinyl eraser can remove the applied colour fully.



Mixed Media

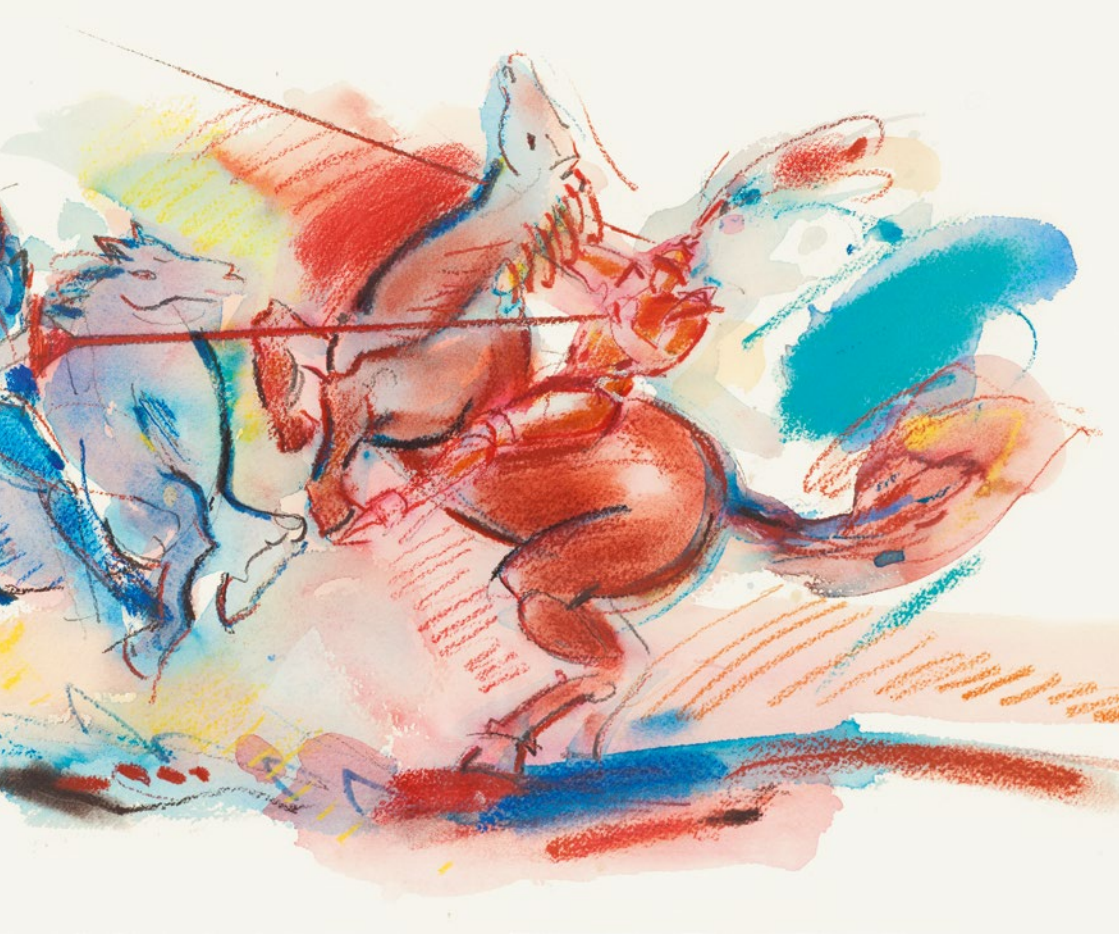
Combining is fun

Pitt Pastel pencils are perfectly suitable for combining with other media, for example with charcoal as a preliminary drawing.

The water soluble Albrecht Dürer artists' watercolour pencils and the water soluble graphite watercolours create an interesting symbiosis with pastel pencils.

An individual mix of materials characterises the personal image style and the complementary artists' materials from Faber-Castell provide the necessary quality.





Accessories

Useful tools in Faber-Castell quality

Art eraser to correct and lighten charcoal and pastel work



Handmade multipurpose knife for finest graphical corrections and sharpening artists' pencils



Dust-free eraser for cleanly removing pencil and coloured pen lines as well as crayon colour on smooth paper



Pencil with rubber for rubbing out and brightening up colours.



Sandpaper board: one fine and one coarsegrained paper stripe for producing pigment powder



A blending stump is great for smudging colour





Assortment



11 21 12 (12 colours)



11 21 24 (24 colours)



11 21 36 (36 colours)



11 21 60 (60 colours)



Colours

Colour No.	Colour	Colour assortment wallets				
		Light-fastness	11 21 12	11 21 24	11 21 36	11 21 60
Pitt Pastel	pencils					
101	white	***	•	•	•	•
103	ivory	***			•	•
102	cream	**		•	•	•
104	light yellow glaze	***				•
106	light chrome yellow	***				
109	dark chrome yellow	**		•	•	•
113	orange glaze	**				
191	Pompeian red	***			•	•
118	scarlet red	*				
225	dark red	***		•	•	•
132	beige red	***				
189	cinnamon	***				
131	coral	***				•
124	rose carmine	*			•	•
226	alizarin crimson	*				
127	pink carmine	*				
193	burnt carmine	*				
194	red-violet	*				
138	violet	**				
160	manganese violet	***				
157	dark indigo	***			•	•
151	helioblu-reddish	***		•	•	•
143	cobalt blue	***				
140	light ultramarine	***	•	•	•	•
149	bluish turquoise	***				•
155	helio turquoise	**				
153	cobalt turquoise	***			•	•
156	cobalt green	***			•	•
159	Hooker's green	*				
165	juniper green	*				

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Pitt Pastel pencils						
172	earth green	***			•	
167	permanent green olive	*	•	•	•	•
267	pine green	*				•
168	earth green yellowish	*	•	•	•	•
170	may green	*				•
174	chromium green opaque	*				•
173	olive green yellowish	*				•
280	burnt umber	***		•	•	•
179	bistre	**			•	•
180	raw umber	**		•	•	•
182	brown ochre	**				•
183	light yellow ochre	**				•
184	dark Naples ochre	***		•	•	•
185	Naples yellow	**				•
186	terracotta	***				•
187	burnt ochre	**			•	•
188	sanguine	***			•	•
190	Venetian red	***				•
283	burnt siena	***	•	•	•	•
169	caput mortuum	***				•
192	Indian red	***			•	•
176	Van Dyck brown	***				•
177	walnut brown	***		•	•	•
175	dark sepia	***				•
181	Payne's grey	***				•
233	cold grey IV	***		•	•	•
273	warm grey IV	***		•	•	•
230	cold grey I	***				•
270	warm grey I	***				•
199	black	***	•	•	•	•

* reasonable lightfastness ** high lightfastness *** maximum lightfastness

The colour number system

Faber-Castell uses a standard colour number system for its Art & Graphic products. For example, a particular colour of a Polychromos artists' colour pencil can easily be used with the same colour Albrecht Dürer pencil, Pitt Artist Pen or the Polychromos pastel.



Polychromos artists' colour pencil
deep scarlet red -219



Albrecht Dürer artists' watercolour pencil
deep scarlet red -219



Pitt pastel pencil
deep scarlet red -219



Pitt Artist Pen
deep scarlet red -219



Albrecht Dürer Watercolour Marker
deep scarlet red -219

