



**DERWENT**

# TEN TOP TIPS FOR USING DERWENT ACADEMY SKETCHBOOKS



# DERWENT

## LIGHTFAST PENCILS

# TOP TIPS

- 1 Unlike soft-backed sketchbooks, which need the support of a drawing board or a table, hard back sketchbooks are self-cradling, making them ideal for drawing on the go.



- 2 The smooth surface of the paper in the sketchbook is ideal for picking up fine detail in your drawings, allowing for greater clarity in your drawn marks.



- 3 If you're drawing in charcoal or chalky media consider leaving the opposite page empty – even when it is fixed, charcoal will transfer onto the page that it is in contact with. Leaving one page of a spread blank will stop two drawings transferring onto one another.



- 4 The paper in the sketchbook is ideal for graphite of all grades, making the sketchbook perfect for pencil drawings.

- 5 The paper also pairs perfectly with lots of Derwent coloured pencils, particularly those which work best on smoother paper stocks.



# DERWENT

## LIGHTFAST PENCILS

# TOP TIPS

**6** The paper has very little tooth, making it particularly easy to erase drawing media in the book – an eraser isn't just a way of getting rid of mistakes but is a valuable tool for drawing light back into your dark marks.



**7** As well as holding the sketchbook shut the elasticated fabric band makes it easier for you to keep collected materials like postcards, printouts and photographs secure in the sketchbook.



**8** The best way to cultivate an established drawing habit is to carry a sketchbook with you at all times - take it in your bag or pocket whenever you go out so that you're never without paper to draw on.



**9** A sketchbook is a valuable record of your life - even the silliest, most playful drawings will evoke memories of the time spent making it. Because the paper in these sketchbooks is acid free, you know that those drawings, and memories, will last.

**10** If you want to remove a page from your sketchbook without ripping it, you can use the perforations to ensure it is removed cleanly – carefully start the tear at the perforation, then smoothly tug at the outside edge of the page to separate it from the book.

