

DERWENT

STEP-BY-STEP DEMONSTRATION

# DERWENT WATERSOLUBLE SKETCHING

Line and wash sketches at a stroke

Coastal Headland (Finished drawing 6 1/2" x 11 1/2")



## INTRODUCTION

Nothing beats graphite for drama and impact, and this pencil creates all the dramatic effects you could wish for, and more. Used dry, the soft, wide strip is perfect for loose, free sketches and bold line drawings but add water and you'll bring a totally new dimension to your work. Watch the graphite gently dissolve into subtle tones, adding a softness and charm to any style of drawing. Available in three versatile degrees, it opens up an exciting new world of line and wash sketching.

### MATERIALS USED:

Derwent Watersoluble Sketching pencils used:  
HB Light Wash, 4B Medium Wash, 8B Dark Wash, Watersoluble Graphitone Light 2B

Saunders Waterford HP paper 140lb  
Craft knife  
Ruler (optional)  
No. 6 round brush



**1** Using the HB Light Wash, lightly position the horizon line, this should be straight, so use a ruler if necessary.

Position the distant headland on the horizon and continuing to use the HB Light Wash gently shade this. Now pressing even more lightly and using horizontal strokes gently shade in the entire sea area.

Using the 4B Medium Wash position the next headland situated slightly below the horizon and shade this using cross hatching movements to suggest texture on the land.

Using Watersoluble Graphitone Light 2B on its side, with small circular movements position the clouds blending the tones.

**2** Beginning with the sky, hydrate the Graphitone by using plenty of water in the brush, and with small circular movements work in the graphitone keeping the distant clouds very soft. Keep the sky above the horizon dry.

Using less water and a more 'damp' brush, hydrate the distant headland, then the mid-ground headland using small strokes, keeping the contours of the land in mind.

Now re-wet the brush well, and using horizontal strokes, quickly drag the brush sideways over the water section, so some sections remain dry. Let this all dry.

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