Exploring Value to Create Form

Value describes how light or dark an object is. Artists can use value to give objects the illusion of a three-dimensional form. Give a drawing of an insect a three-dimensional form using these steps.

Materials:
- Paper and pencil

Steps:

1. Warm up with a Value Scale exercise. Slowly build layers to create a gradual value shift across all ten squares. Shading takes a bit of patience. Start by filling in square No. 10 until it is as dark as possible. Square No. 1 should be left white.

   No.1     No. 2     No. 3     No.4      No. 5       No. 6      No. 7       No. 8      No. 9     No.10

   Create a range of value by using shading. Use only the side of your pencil.

   Create a range of value by using hatching. Draw with the tip of your pencil and use parallel lines.

2. Assign a value number to each labeled part of the insect below. Next, use value by shading and hatching to give the bug a three-dimensional form.

   Highlight
   Shadow
   Core shadow
   Reflected light
   Cast shadow