

Exploring Value to Create Form

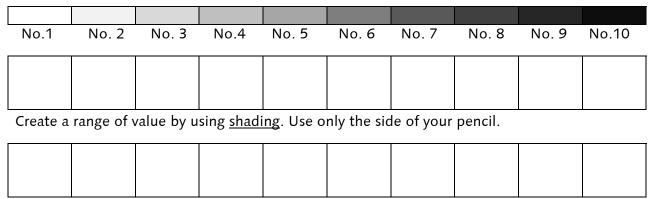
Value describes how light or dark an object is. Artists can use value to give objects the illusion of a three-dimensional form. Give a drawing of an insect a three-dimensional form using these steps.

Materials:

· Paper and pencil

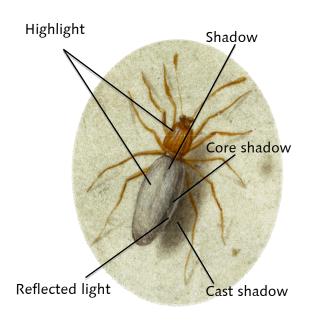
Steps:

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 a dark as possible. Square No. 1 should be left white.



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.



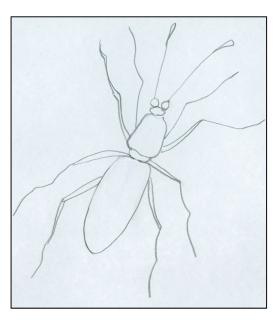




Image: Detail of *Butterflies, Insects, and Currants*, about 1650–1655, Jan van Kessel (Flemish, 1612–1679). Bodycolor and brown ink, over metalpoint underdrawing on parchment, 5 $1/8 \times 6 \times 11/16$ in. The J. Paul Getty Museum, 92.GC.50.