Zara’s Sketching Secrets

Grab your pencil and let’s explore the world through art!

- **A sketch is a quick, rough drawing that helps you plan your final piece of artwork.**
- **Varying your pencil pressure helps you create different shades, from very light greys to deep, dark blacks.**
- **You can create texture by using short, quick marks like dashes, dots, or wiggly lines.**
- **Shading is the technique of adding shadow to your sketch to make objects look 3D rather than flat.**
- **Zara the Zebra loves to use a blending stump or her finger to gently smooth out her pencil marks for a soft finish.**

Did you know? Did you know that artists often use a light 'ghost line' to sketch their shapes first? By drawing very softly with your pencil, you can easily rub out mistakes before you add the final details!

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