

Hair Tutorial - drawing realistic hair

Okay, I often get asked how I draw hair. So I try to explain how I draw it. I'm working on a drawing with curls, so I thought that would be great for a tutorial, cause it's much more difficult than waveless hair.

Used materials

I use a soft tissue, it's important that it's really soft, cause this is working better for drawings.

Mechanical pencils: - 0.3 2H
- 0.3 B
- 0.5 F
- 0.5 4B

Eraser pen - I use a Facts BM2, but every other eraser pen is good too.



Step 1

I start drawing the outlines and shade the dark parts a little. For this I use a 0.3 2H pencil.



Step 2

I make lots of little strokes with the 2H pencil, by that it looks like fine hair. Important is that you draw curls like example one and not like the second, by that it looks natural.



Step 3

Take the tissue and roll it by that you get a point like a pen.

Smudge it the same way you made the strokes of the hair.



Step 4

If you've done it, your hair must look like this.



Step 5

Now I use a 0.3 2H and a 0.3 B pencil. With the 2H I made again all strokes I already made before.

The B pencil is for the shadows and the darker parts.

Be patient with the hair cause this is the only way to get a good result. :-)

After you draw the hair a second time you smudge it again with a tissue, like the first time.



Sharpen your eraser

As you can see on the photo I use a scalpel for sharpening.

The point of the eraser must look like a triangle, so you can make lot of thin strokes.

If you use smooth Bristol paper it's easier to erase than on structured paper, but it work on both.



Step 6

After smudging the hair again you use your eraser pen and erase all the highlights of the hair.



Step 7

Now it time to get depth into the hair, so I use the F pencil and 4B too.

First I work again with my 2H on the highlights and a little with the B pencil too.

So I get some darker strokes into it for the hair.

Than you must try where the F looks better than the 4B pencil.

Always start with the lighter pencil, cause it's easier to make it more dark than backwards.



Step 8

Now you use your eraser pen again and make thin strokes by that it looks like single hairs.

Also use the 0.3 B pencil and make like with the eraser thin strokes.

If the eraser strokes to light use the tissue to blend it a little.

It's done!



Now your hair should look like this.

It's a lot of work and need a bunch of patient but it'll be worth it. :-)

I hope this little tutorial will help you to draw better hair. And I really hope it's good to comprehend.