A Guide to Using Sketching Pencils

The inside of pencils can be either **soft** or **hard**. Most sketching pencils have numbers and letters on them that tell us about the hardness of the pencil. This can help us decide which pencil to use for our project.

8H 6H	H stands for 'hard'.	These pencils leave a light mark on the	Hard pencils are great for drawing details.	• Don't press too hard! You might tear the paper.
4H 2H		paper.		
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2B	B stands	These pencils	These pencils are	• They will need
4B	for 'black'.	create heavy,	best for shading	sharpening often.
6B	DIACR .	black lines.	dark areas and blending.	 If you smudge your drawing, use a
8B			5	rubber to clean it up.
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