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Charcoal

Have you ever used charcoal for drawing?

It's great stuff. A little messy if you're not careful but you can do lots of great things with charcoal. Try drawing something with charcoal. It doesn't matter what it is but use charcoal and try to smudge parts of your drawing to give shadows.

You can create a cityscape by using just the basic skyline or the outline of roofs you see, like this one ↓



Task 1

Draw a cityscape by first sketching the basic roof outline like the one above. Keep adding more roof outlines until you have filled nearly your whole piece of paper. Use charcoal to give it shadow, perspective and proportion. Smudge your charcoal a little but not too much. Draw heavy black lines in parts where the shadows are to create a mood. It takes a little practice so keep trying if you don't succeed at first.

Task 2

Collect lots of old magazines. Cut out all the pictures of houses or roofs. Start at the top of an A4 sheet of paper and glue the smallest houses on first in a row. Then glue the next row of houses on which should be just a little bit bigger. Glue the next row just over the bottom of your first row, so the houses overlap each other. Continue to glue the houses on from smallest to biggest. The last row of houses at the bottom of your paper should be the biggest.

When you look at your picture it appears to have depth, perspective and even some proportion in spots. You have made a collage with depth. If you do it properly you will see an ocean of roofs giving quite a nice cityscape view. Try it!



Have Fun!