

Strathmore® Dry Media Paper Guide

Paper	Weight	Surface	Graphite Pencil	Colored Pencil	Charcoal	Sketching Stick	Pen & Ink	Marker	Soft Pastel	Mixed Media	Oil Pastel	Light Wash	Collage	Overlay/Tracing
SKETCH														
200 Newsprint - Rough	30 lb (49 g/m ²)	Rough	•	•	•	•								
300 Newsprint - Rough	32 lb (52 g/m ²)	Rough	•	•	•	•								
300 Newsprint - Smooth	32 lb (52 g/m ²)	Smooth	•	•										
200 Sketch	50 lb (74 g/m ²)	Fine Tooth	••	••	••	••			•					
300 Sketch	50 lb (74 g/m ²)	Fine Tooth	••	••	••	••			•		•			
400 Windpower® Sketch	60 lb (89 g/m ²)	Fine Tooth	••	••	••	••			•		•			
400 Recycled Sketch	60 lb (89 g/m ²)	Fine Tooth	••	••	••	••			•		•			
400 Toned Sketch	80 lb (118 g/m ²)	Medium	••	••	••	••	•	•	•		•			
400 Sketch	60 lb (89 g/m ²)	Fine Tooth	••	••	••	••			•		•			
DRAWING														
200 Drawing	64 lb (104 g/m ²)	Medium	••	••	••	••			•		•			
300 Drawing	70 lb (114 g/m ²)	Medium	••	••	••	••	•	•	•	•	•			
400 Windpower® Drawing	80 lb (130 g/m ²)	Medium	••	••	••	••	•	•	•	•	•			
400 Recycled Drawing	80 lb (130 g/m ²)	Medium	••	••	••	••	•	•	•	•	•			
400 Drawing - Medium	80 lb (130 g/m ²)	Medium	••	••	••	••	•	•	•	•	•			
400 Heavyweight Drawing	100 lb (163 g/m ²)	Medium	•••	•••	••	•••	•	•	•	••	••		•	
400 Colored Pencil	100 lb (163 g/m ²)	Medium	•••	•••	••	•••	•	•	•	••	••		•	
500 Drawing - Medium	106 lb (125 g/m ²)	Medium	•••	•••	••	•••	••	••	•	••	••		•	
400 Drawing - Smooth	80 lb (130 g/m ²)	Smooth	•	•			••	••						
500 Drawing - Plate	106 lb (125 g/m ²)	Ultra-Smooth	•	•			•••	•••		•				
300 Mixed Media	90 lb (190 g/m ²)	Vellum	••	••	••	••	••	••	•	•••	••	•••	•	
400 Mixed Media	140 lb (300 g/m ²)	Vellum	••	••	••	••	••	••	•	•••	••	•••	••	
500 Mixed Media	90 lb (190 g/m ²)	Vellum	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	••	•••	••	•••	•••	
500 Mixed Media - Board	Heavyweight - 52 pt	Vellum	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	••	•••	••	•••	•••	
200 Bristol - Vellum	100 lb (270 g/m ²)	Medium	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	
300 Windpower® Bristol - Vellum	100 lb (270 g/m ²)	Medium	••	••	••	••	•	•	•	••	••		•	
300 Bristol - Vellum	100 lb (270 g/m ²)	Medium	••	••	••	••	•	•	•	••	••		•	
400 Bristol - Vellum	2, 3, and 4 ply	Medium	•••	•••	••	•••	••	••	•	•••	••	•	••	
500 Bristol - Vellum	2, 3, and 4 ply	Medium	•••	•••	••	•••	••	••	•	•••	••	•	••	
200 Bristol - Smooth	100 lb (270 g/m ²)	Smooth	•		•	•	•	•		•				
300 Windpower® Bristol - Smooth	100 lb (270 g/m ²)	Smooth	•	•	•	•	••	••		•			•	
300 Bristol - Smooth	100 lb (270 g/m ²)	Smooth	••	•	•	•	••	••		•			•	
400 Bristol - Smooth	2, 3, and 4 ply	Smooth	••	•			•••	•••		•			••	
500 Bristol - Plate	2, 3, and 4 ply	Ultra-Smooth	••				•••	•••		••			••	
500 Illustration Board - Vellum	Lightweight - 42 pt	Medium	•••	•••	••	•••	••	••	•	•••	••	•	••	
500 Illustration Board - Vellum	Heavyweight - 72 pt	Medium	•••	•••	••	•••	••	••	•	•••	••	••	•••	
500 Illustration Board - Plate	Heavyweight - 68 pt	Ultra-Smooth	•	•			•••	•••		••			•••	
PASTEL & CHARCOAL														
300 Charcoal	64 lb (95 g/m ²)	Laid	••	••	•••	•••			••	•				
500 Charcoal	64 lb (95 g/m ²)	Laid	••	••	•••	•••			••	•				
400 Pastel	80 lb (118 g/m ²)	Textured	•	•	••	••			••	•	•••			
400 Artagain® Black	60 lb (160 g/m ²)	Medium	•	••		••			••	•	••		•	
400 Artagain® Tints	60 lb (160 g/m ²)	Medium	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	•	••		•	
400 Gray Scale	80 lb (216 g/m ²)	Textured	•	•	••	••			••	•	••			
500 Pure Paper Tints	60 lb (160 g/m ²)	Textured	•	•	••	••			•••	•	•			
LAYOUT & MARKER														
400 Layout	16 lb (60 g/m ²)	Smooth	••	••	•	•	•••	•••						••
400 Marker	50.5 lb. (190 g/m ²)	Smooth	•	•			•••	•••						
500 Marker	13.5 lb (50 g/m ²)	Smooth	••	••			•••	•••						•••

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Ratings: •••Excellent ••Very Good •Good

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Strathmore® Wet Media Paper Guide			Watercolor/Gouache							Paint/Inks				Drawing		
Paper	Weight	Surface	Heavy Washes	Light Washes	Detail	Blending and Color Lifting	Extensive Reworking	Ability to Resist Warping	Acrylic	Oil*	Airbrush	Mixed Media/Collage	Drawing	Oil Pastel	Pen & Ink/Marker	
WATERCOLOR																
200 Watercolor	90 lb (190 g/m²)	Cold Press	•	•••	••	••	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
200 Skills Watercolor	140 lb (300 g/m²)	Cold Press	••	•••	••	••	•	••	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
300 Watercolor	140 lb (300 g/m²)	Cold Press	••	•••	••	••	••	••	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
400 Watercolor	140 lb (300 g/m²)	Cold Press	•••	•••	••	••	••	••	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
400 Windpower® Watercolor	140 lb (300 g/m²)	Cold Press	•••	•••	••	••	••	••	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
500 Aquarius II® Watercolor	80 lb (170 g/m²)	Cold Press	•••	•••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	•	•	•	
500 Imperial® Watercolor	140 lb (300 g/m²)	Hot Press	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	••	••	••	•••	••	•	•	•	
500 Imperial® Watercolor	140 lb (300 g/m²)	Cold Press	•••	•••	••	•••	•••	••	••	••	••	••	•	••	•	
500 Gemini Watercolor	140 lb (300 g/m²)	Cold Press	•••	•••	••	••	•••	••	••	••	••	••	•	••	•	
500 Gemini Watercolor	140 lb (300 g/m²)	Rough	•••	•••	•	••	•••	••	••	••	••	••	•	••	•	
500 Gemini Watercolor	300 lb (638 g/m²)	Cold Press	•••	•••	••	••	•••	•••	•••	••	••	•••	•	••	•	
MIXED MEDIA																
200 Skills Mixed Media	75 lb (160 g/m²)	Vellum	•	••	•••	•	•	•	••	••	•••	•••	••	••	••	
300 Mixed Media	90 lb (190 g/m²)	Vellum	•	•••	•••	•	•	•	••	••	•••	•••	••	••	••	
400 Mixed Media	140 lb (300 g/m²)	Vellum	•••	•••	•••	•	•	••	••	••	•••	•••	••	••	••	
500 Mixed Media	90 lb (190 g/m²)	Vellum	••	•••	•••	••	•	••	••	••	•••	•••	•••	••	•••	
500 Mixed Media - Board	Heavyweight - 52 pt	Vellum	•••	•••	•••	••	••	•••	•••	••	•••	•••	•••	••	•••	
500 Illustration Board for Wet Media	Heavyweight - 78 pt	Vellum	•••	•••	•••	••	••	•••	••	••	•••	•••	•••	•	•••	

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*Oil Paint: Gesso paper before painting with oil paint to prevent deterioration caused by oil in the paint.

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Paper	Weight	Surface	Relief (Woodcut, Linocut)	Intaglio (Etching)	Lithography	Silkscreen	Letterpress	Multiple-Color Techniques	Graphite Pencil/Dry Media	Charcoal	Pen & Ink/Marker	Oil Pastel	Light Wash	Mixed Media/Collage	Acrylic [‡]	Oil [¶]
PRINTMAKING																
300 Drawing	70 lb (114 g/m ²)	Medium					••		••	••	•	•				
400 Windpower® Drawing	80 lb (130 g/m ²)	Medium					••		••	••	•	•				
400 Recycled Drawing	80 lb (130 g/m ²)	Medium					••		••	••	•	•				
400 Drawing - Medium	80 lb (130 g/m ²)	Medium					••		••	••	•	•				
400 Drawing - Medium	100 lb (130 g/m ²)	Medium					••		•••	••	•	••		•		
500 Drawing - Medium	106 lb (125 g/m ²)	Medium					••		•••	••	••	••		•		
400 Drawing - Smooth	80 lb (130 g/m ²)	Smooth					••		•		••					
500 Drawing - Plate	106 lb (125 g/m ²)	Ultra-Smooth					••		•		•••					
400 Artagain Tints	60 lb (160 g/m ²)	Medium					••		••	••	••	••		•		
300 Printmaking	120 g/m ²	Medium Textured	•••	•	•	••	••		•	•	•	•				
400 Printmaking	280 g/m ²	Medium Textured	•••	••	••	•••	•	••	••	••	•	••	•	•	•	•
500 Printmaking	280 g/m ²	Medium Textured	•••	•••	•••	•••	•	•••	••	••	•	••	•	•	•	•

^a Acrylic Paint: Gesso paper before painting for maximum color vitality.

^b Oil Paint: Gesso paper before painting with oil paint to prevent paper deterioration.

† Printmaking papers have less sizing on the surface. For drawing techniques use care when erasing as not to disturb paper fibers.

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