



Darkening a color, with some suggestions

Local Color		Ways to Darken
Red or Orange		Darker Red (<i>Tuscan</i>)
		Analogous Dark (<i>Dark Purple</i>)
		Complement
		FC # 167 Dark Sepia
		Medium Gray
Green		Darker Green (<i>FC #278</i>)
		Analogous Dark (<i>Indigo Blue</i>)
		Complement
		FC # 167 Dark Sepia
		Medium Gray
Yellow		Darker Yellow (<i>Ochre</i>)
		Analogous Dark (<i>Green</i>)
		Complement (<i>Grayed Lav.</i>)
		FC # 167 Dark Sepia
		Light Gray
Violet or Purple		Darker Purple (<i>Black Grape</i>)
		Analogous Dark (<i>Indigo</i>)
		FC # 167 Dark Sepia
		Medium Gray

❖ Four Basic ways to darken a color in colored pencil.

1. Use a **darker** version of the same color.
2. Use an **analogous** dark- a color that is near your color on the color wheel
3. Use the **complementary** color- across from your color on the color wheel.
4. Use a **neutral** pencil like a gray or FC Dark Sepia.

❖ Start by finding the local color(s) of your subject and then do these tests to see how you are going to darken that color.

❖ Lay down the darker color first and then add the local color right on top **to see how you like it and if it really darkens that color.**

❖ Get to know your dark pencils! Indigo Blue, Violet, Tuscan Red, Red-Violet.(FC#194) Chrome Oxide Green (FC#278)....

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“All colors are the friends of their neighbors and the lovers of their opposites.”
 ...Marc Chagall

