



THE ELEMENTS OF ART

the building blocks of art

WHAT ARE THE ELEMENTS OF ART?

The elements of art are the building blocks that we use to create pieces of artwork.

They are:

- Color
- Value
- Line
- Shape
- Form
- Texture
- Space

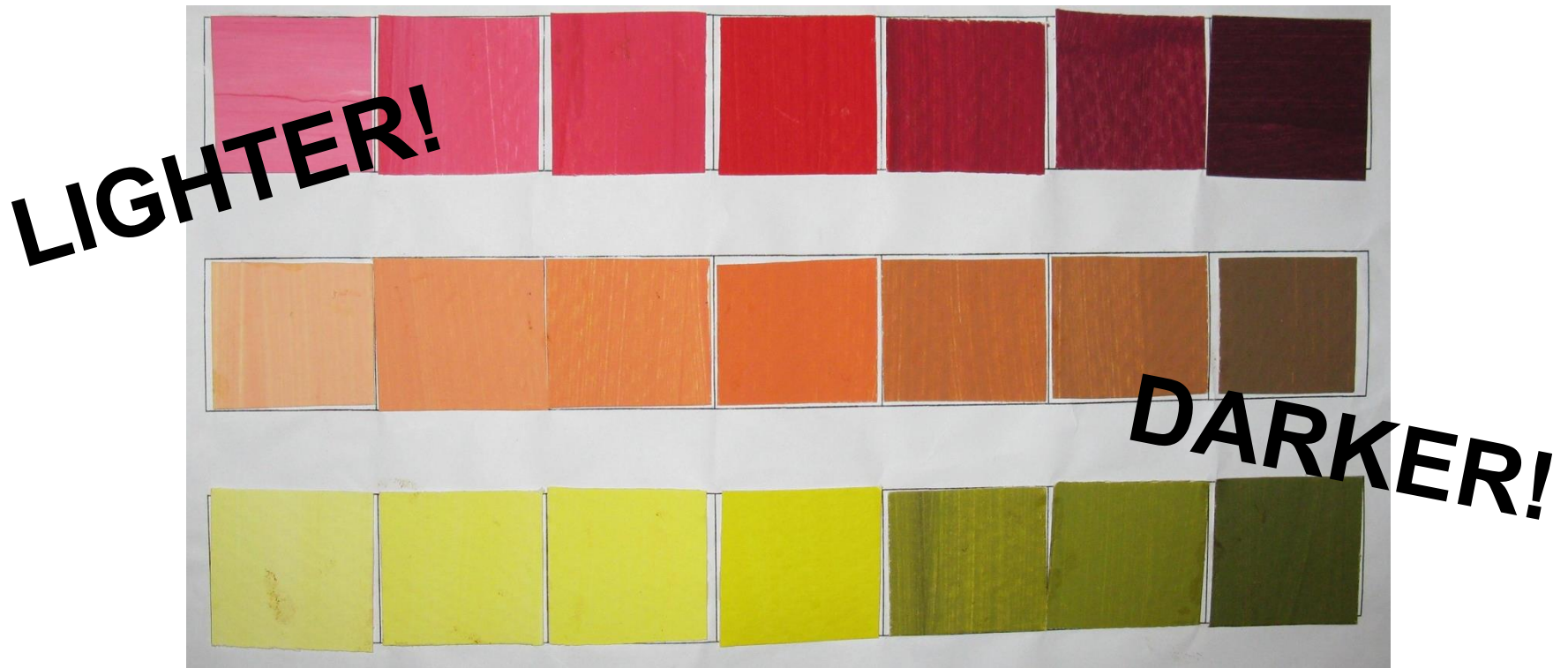


VALUE

The lightness or darkness of a color.

WHAT IS VALUE?

Value refers to the lightness or darkness of a color.



Paint chips show a range of colors and values!



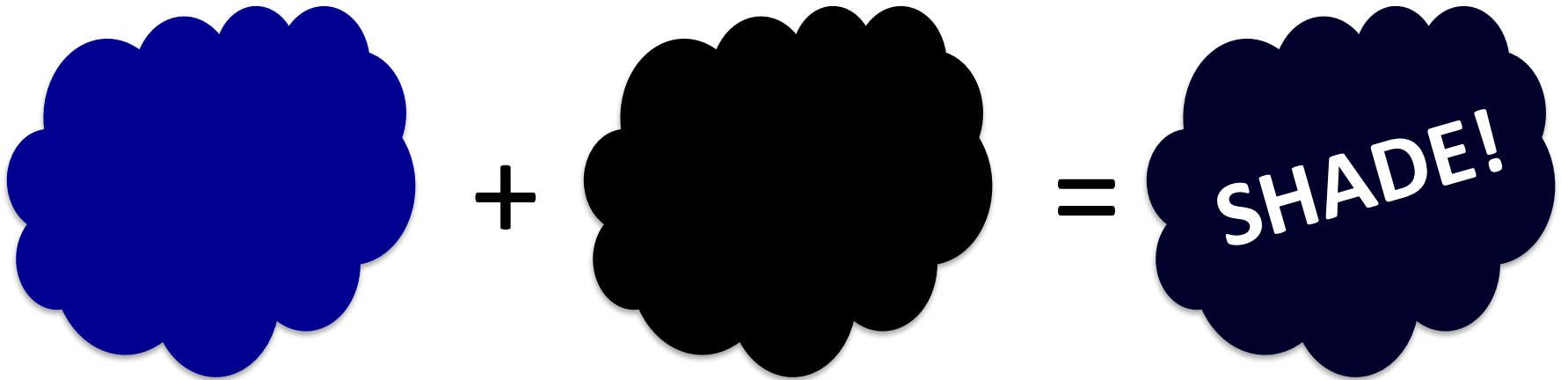
VALUE

When you add white to a color,
it creates a **tint**.



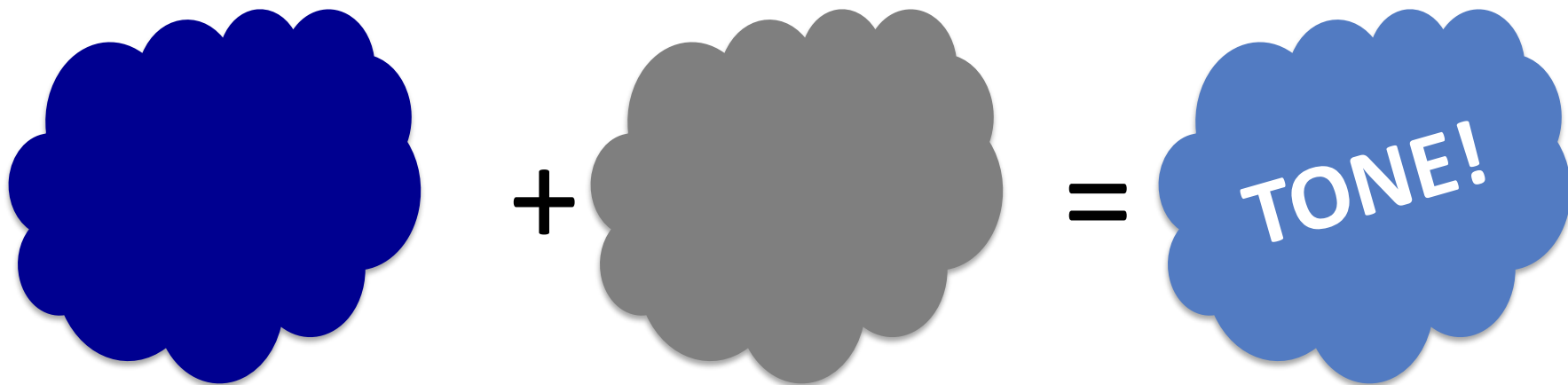
VALUE

When you add black to a color,
it creates a **shade**.



VALUE

When you add gray to a color, it creates a **tone**.

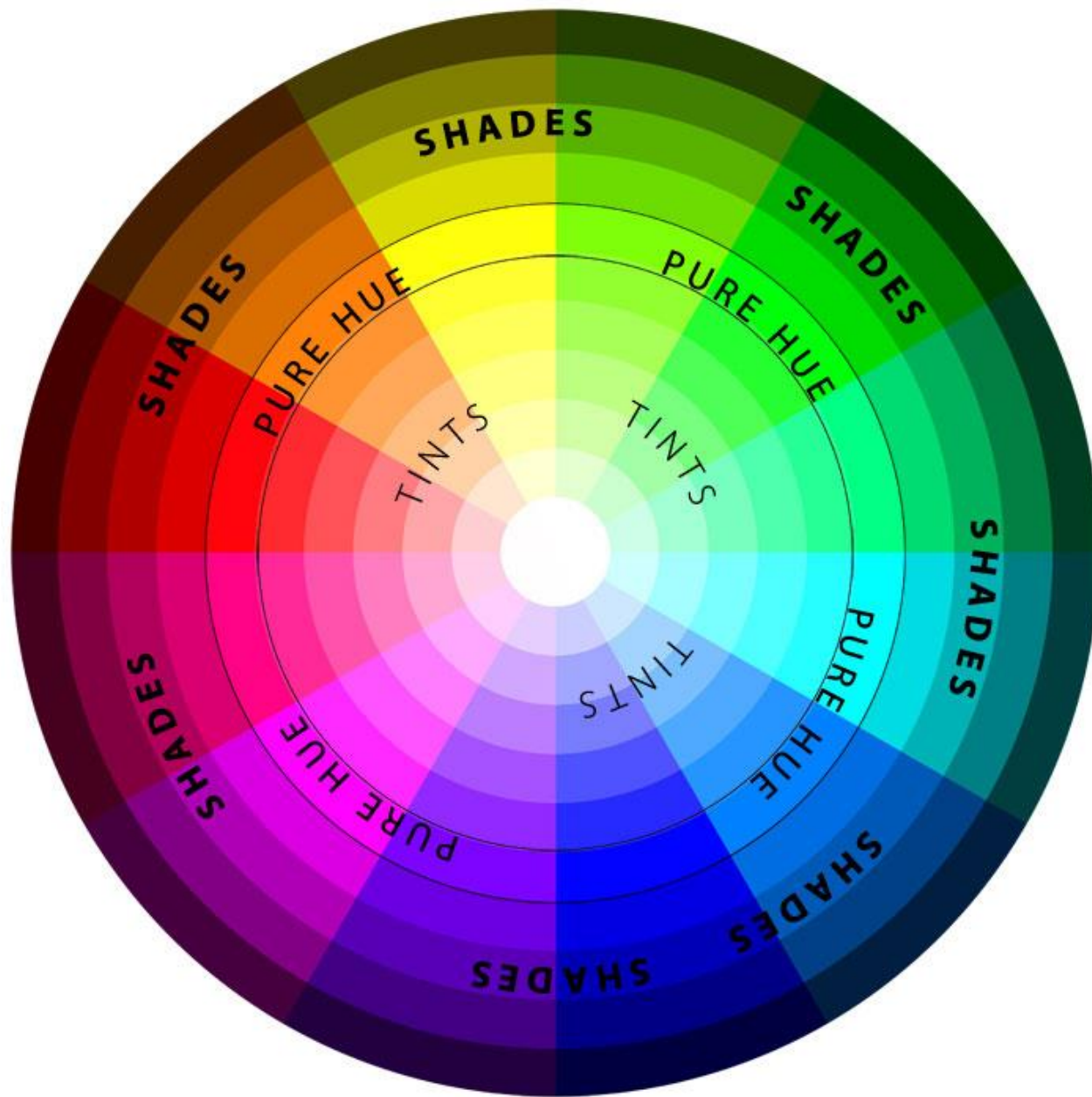


Point out an example of a tint.



Point out an example of a shade.

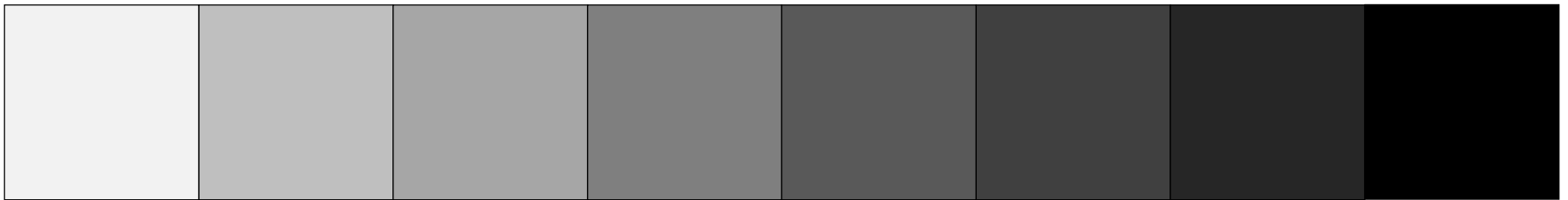




CREATING VALUE

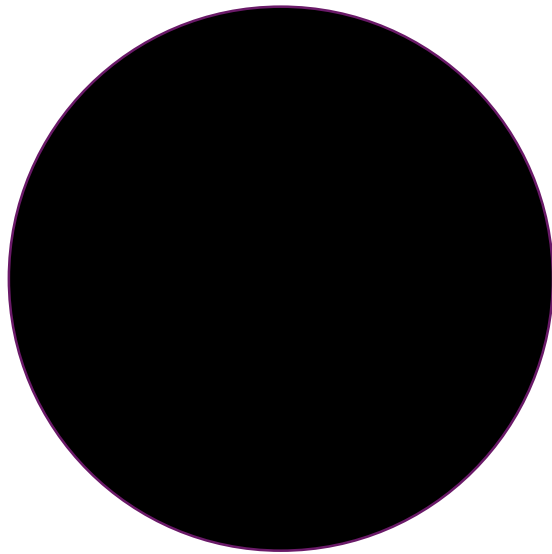
Artists commonly create **value scales** to help them practice making a full range of values.

Value scales are arranged from lightest to darkest. To create a value scale with a pencil, you need to control the amount of pressure you use.

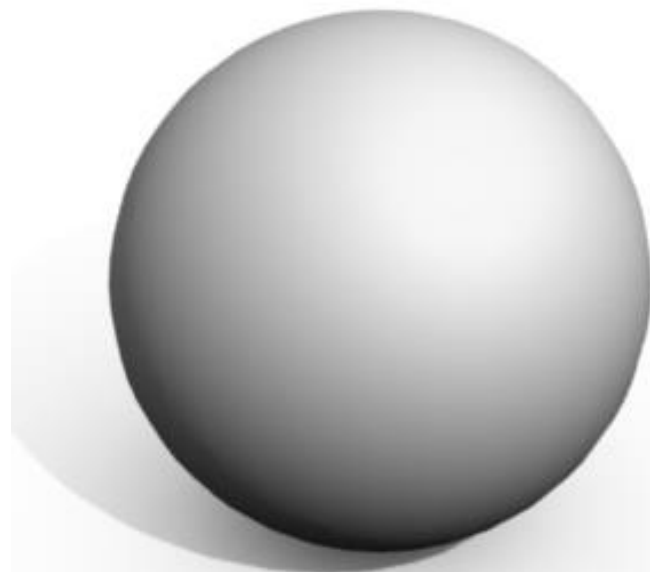


This value scale has 8 **steps**.

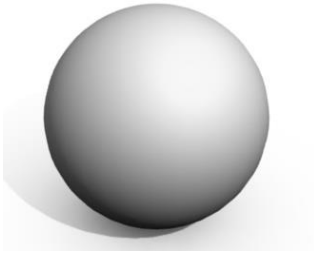
Value can be used to make objects look more three-dimensional. Notice how the use of highlights (tints) and shadows (shades) can make this circle look like a sphere?



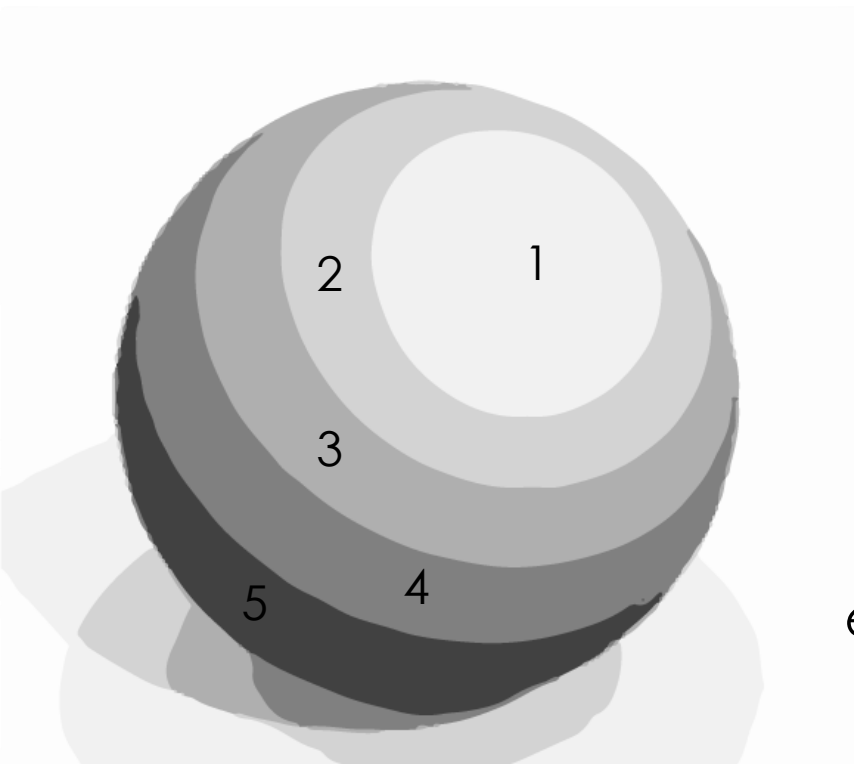
2D shape
(circle)



3D form
(sphere)

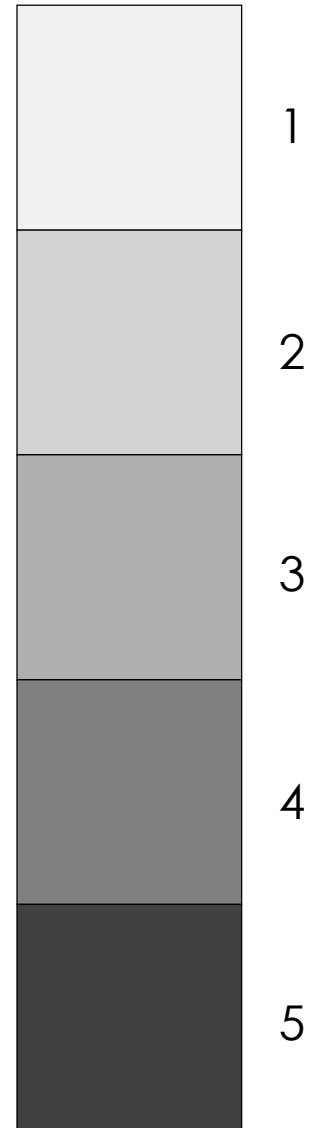


USING VALUE TO CREATE FORM



This picture breaks down the different values used to make the sphere look round.

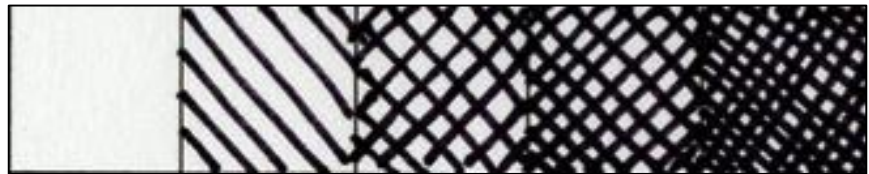
Tip: Blending values is extremely important to make something look more realistic.



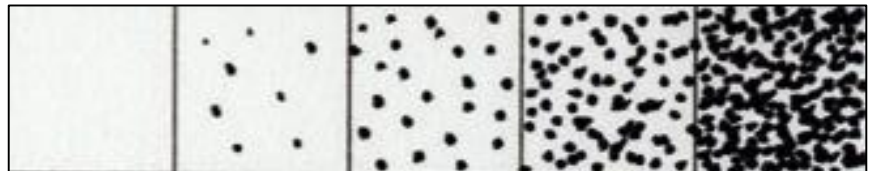
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Value can also be created by using techniques other than shading, like stippling, hatching, and cross-hatching.

Hatching &
Cross Hatching



Stippling



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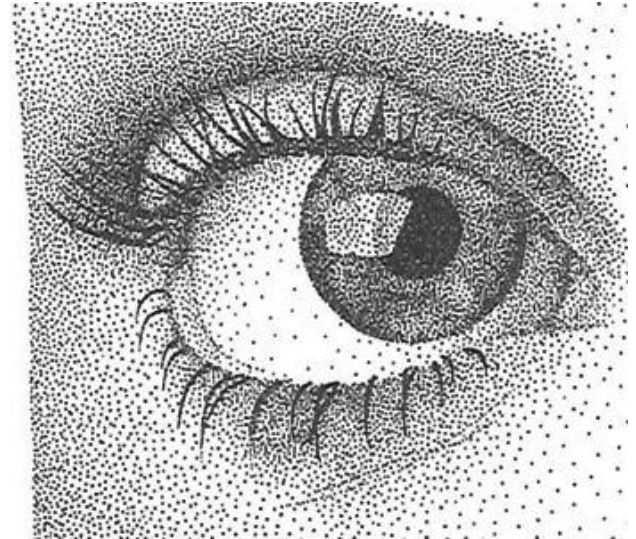
The images below demonstrate how hatching, cross-hatching, and stippling can be used to create value.



Hatching



Cross-hatching



Stippling