Pressure Ladder

Practice one pencil, six levels of pressure

1. **Pick one colored pencil. Color the first box with a very light touch.**
2. **Press a little harder in each box, until the last box is the darkest.**
3. **Try three different colors. Keep the strokes smooth and even.**

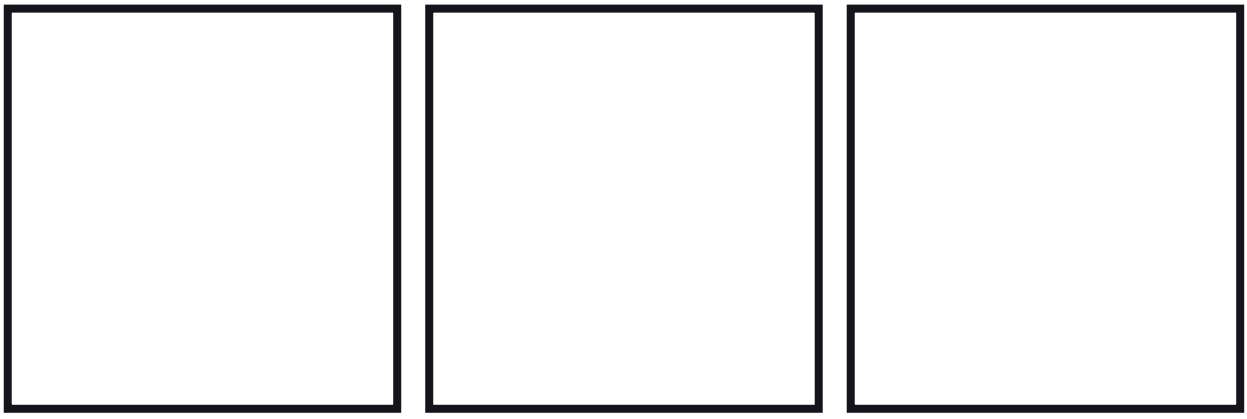
lightest darkest

Color 1

Color 2

Color 3

Try three strokes



Small circles
Tiny overlapping circles

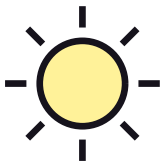
Back and forth
Same direction, even lines

Layer two colors
Color 1, then Color 2 on top

Tip: keep your pencil sharp, and build color in thin layers instead of one hard press.

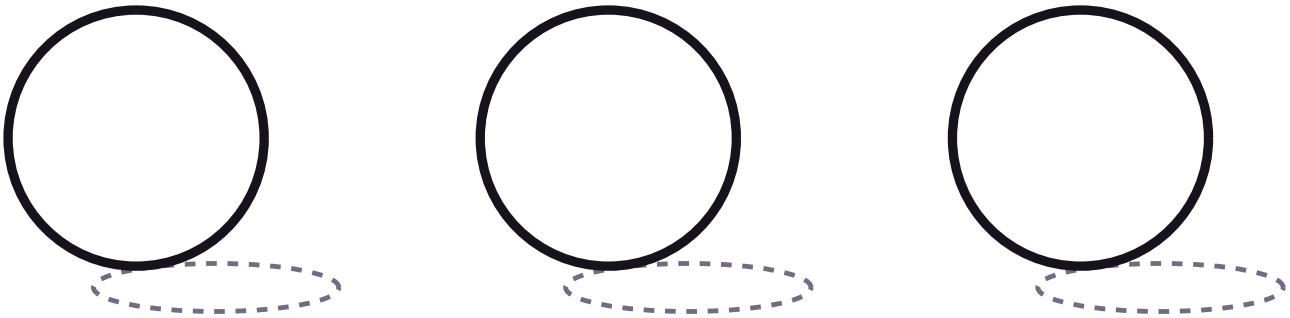
Shading Shapes

Light comes from the sun. Shade the side away from it



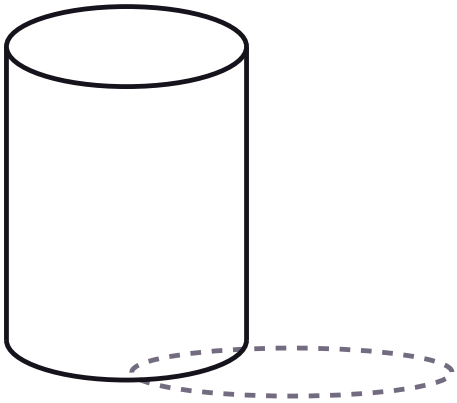
Light comes from the top left

Color all three spheres in the same color, adding one more step each time.

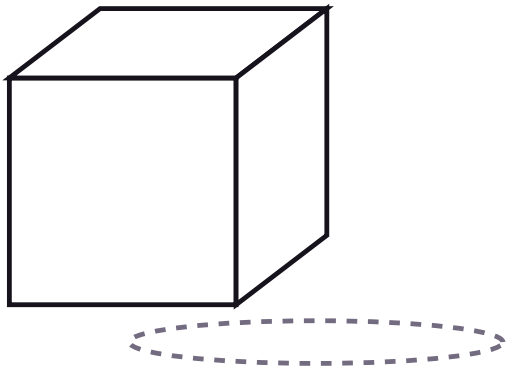


1. Light layer all over **2. Mid-tones on shadow side** **3. Darkest core shadow**

Cast shadows (dashed) fall on the side away from the light



Cylinder

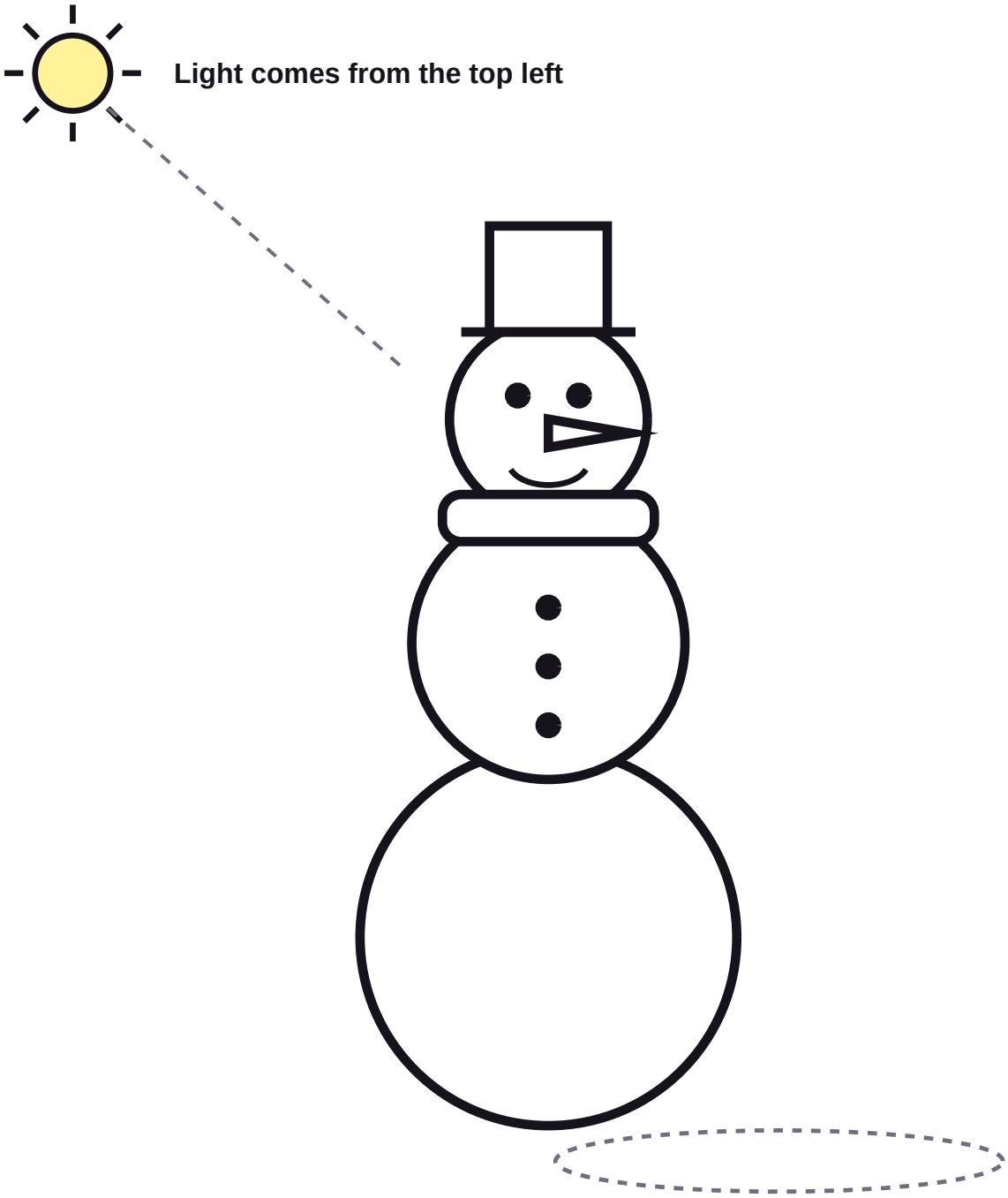


Cube

Leave a little white paper on the side facing the light. That is your highlight.

Shade the Snowman

Same sun, same rules. Make it look round!



1. Color the whole snowman with a light layer.
2. Shade the side away from the sun, and add the ground shadow (dashed).
3. Leave a bright spot on the side facing the sun.