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Jumpstart Lesson : 9 Step Value Scale in Oil Paint

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Ongoing

Welcome to Todd M. Casey's - Oil Painting Still Lives!

In this class I will be teaching some of the fundamentals I wish I had when I was in art school, and there lies my motivation to teach you these concepts. I will walk you through terminology, color concepts and how materials that relate to each idea.

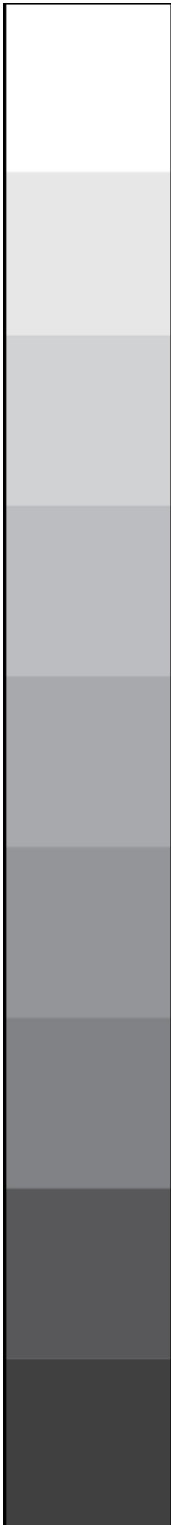
We will meet live on Saturdays from 12-1:30 pm where I will demonstrate, field questions and then give a homework assignment. I will ask that your work be posted by noon each Thursday so I can give critiques on each individual work by Thursday night at 9 PM (EST).

THE JUMP START LESSON

To prepare for the first class I am requesting that you create a 9 step value scale. Value is one of the most important concepts in painting and drawing.

MATERIALS NEED FOR THIS LESSON:

Titanium White oil paint (Gamblin)
Ivory Black (Gamblin)
Palette Knife
Palette (Wooden or glass)
Paint stick from hardware store
Pencil
Ruler
Patience





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A value scale can be one of the most important tools a painter can learn to use. Mastering working in black and white will help with layering in the concepts of color in your work. Please have this completed before the first class.

As a professional, I still create a value scale as a warm up. This awakens my arm, wrist and shoulder and helps me focus on the task at hand. I always think of this like an athlete or musician lacing up or tuning their instrument before their performance. For painting, laying out the tubes of paint in an order can be a similar experience.

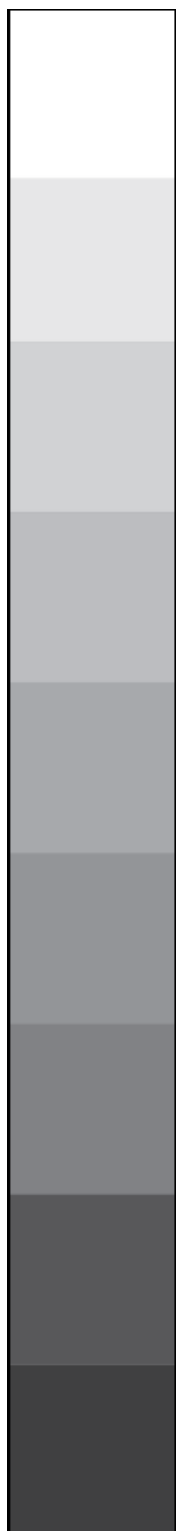
The importance of this tool:

We will be using this as a tool throughout the 8 week course so I highly encourage you to put in your best effort.

There are a few ways to create a value scale as a tool. Please go to a local hardware store such as Home Depot or Lowes, and ask for a paint stick. If you are not able to leave your home, you can create one of these on a board or if you have no other options, some thick cardboard.

Invest in the best tools possible to succeed. This is a tool I refer to frequently. Doing a great job will help aid you when needing to figure out a color's value.

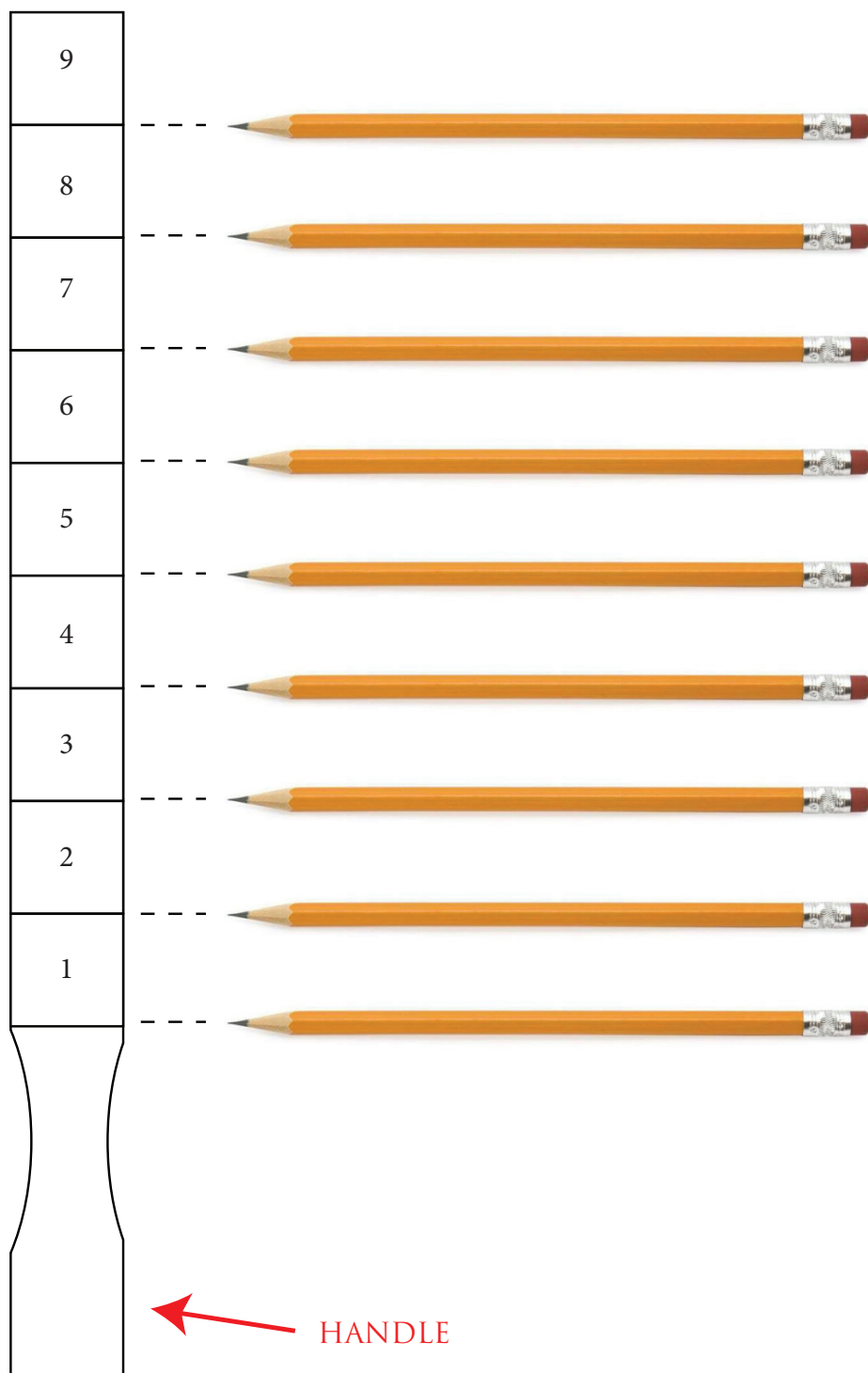
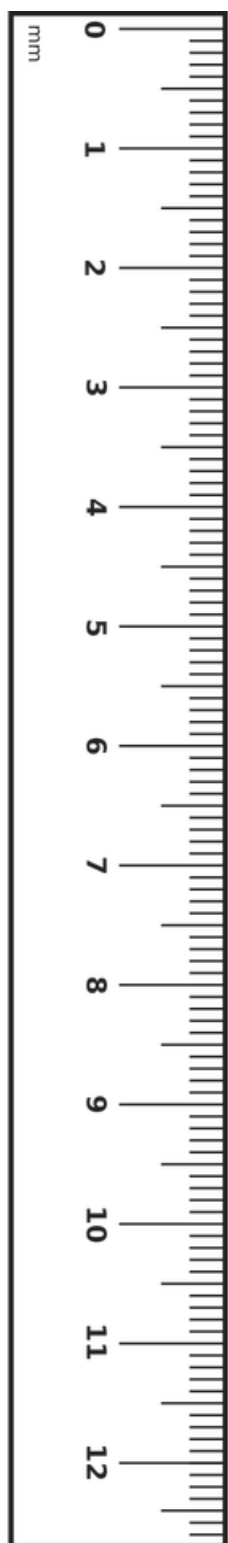
Lets get started!





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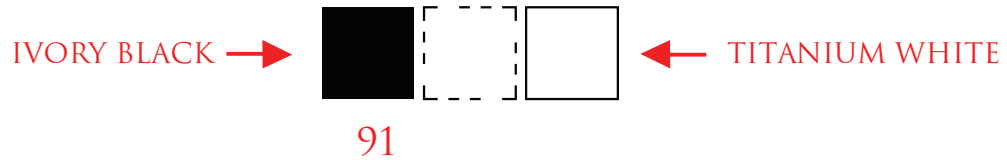
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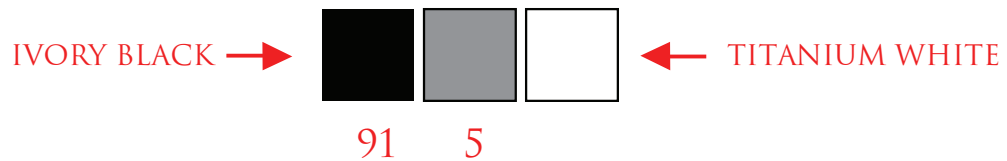


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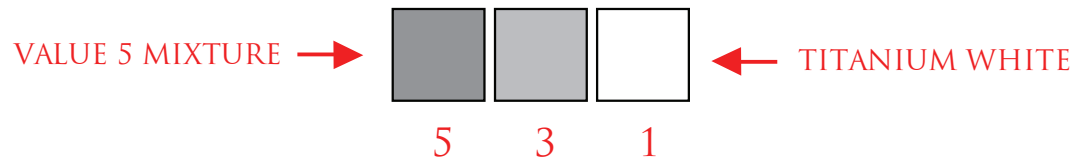
1: SQUEEZE OUT SOME TITANIUM WHITE AND SOME IVORY BLACK



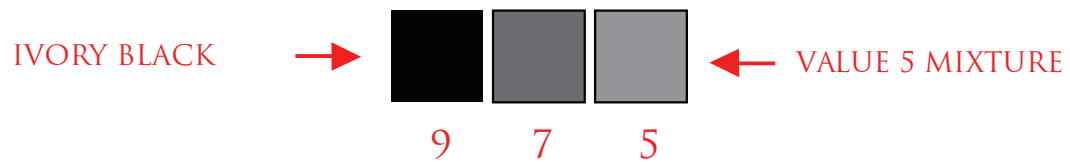
2: MIX AN EVEN AMOUNT OF TITANIUM WHITE & IVORY BLACK TO ACHIEVE A MIDDLE VALUE



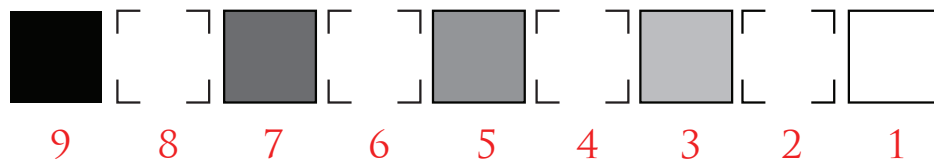
3: TAKE YOUR MIDDLE VALUE MIXTURE 5, AND MIX IT WITH AN EVEN AMOUNT OF VALUE 1
THIS IS REFERRED TO AS IN BETWEENING.



4: TAKE YOUR MIDDLE VALUE MIXTURE 5, AND MIX IT WITH AN EVEN AMOUNT OF VALUE 1
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5: NOW TAKE VALUES 9, 7, 5, 3 AND 1 AND IN BETWEEN THESE AS WELL.



5: APPLY EACH POOL OF PAINT TO EACH SQUARE, NOW YOU HAVE A FULL, 9 STEP VALUE SCALE

