

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	**	**	•	**			•						
Vision Sketch	50 lb (74 g/m ²)	Fine Tooth	**	**	•	**			•						
300 Sketch	50 lb (74 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	**	**	**	**			•		•				
Vision Drawing	64 lb (104 g/m ²)	Medium	**	**	**	**			•		•				
300 Drawing	70 lb (114 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	•	•			***	***		•					
Vision Mixed Media	98 lb (160 g/m ²)	Vellum	**	**	**	**	**	**	•	***	**	**			
300 Mixed Media	117 lb (190 g/m ²)	Vellum	**	**	**	**	**	**	•	***	**	***			
400 Mixed Media	184 lb (300 g/m ²)	Vellum	**	**	**	**	**	**	•	***	**	***	**		
400 Toned Mixed Media	184 lb (300 g/m ²)	Vellum	**	**	**	**	**	**	•	***	**	***	**		
500 Mixed Media	90 lb (190 g/m ²)	Vellum	***	***	***	***	***	***	**	***	**	***	***		
500 Mixed Media - Board	Heavyweight - 52 pt	Vellum	***	***	***	***	***	***	**	***	**	***	***		
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 Sequential Art Bristol - Smooth	100 lb (270 g/m ²)	Smooth	•	•	•	•	•	•		•					
300 Sequential Art Bristol - Smooth	100 lb (270 g/m ²)	Smooth	**	•	•	•	**	**		•			•		
300 Sequential Art Bristol - Vellum	100 lb (270 g/m ²)	Medium	**	**	**	**	•	•	•	**	**		•		
500 Sequential Art Bristol - Vellum	2 ply	Medium	***	***	**	***	**	**	•	***	**	•	**		
500 Sequential Art Bristol - Plate	2 ply	Ultra-Smooth	**	**			***	***		**			**		
500 Sequential Art Bristol - Semi-Smooth	2 ply	Slightly Textured	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	•	**		
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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Paper	Weight	Surface	Watercolor/Gouache						Paint/Inks				Drawing		
			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															
Vision Watercolor	140 lb (300 g/m ²)	Cold Press	••	•••	••	••	•	••	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
300 Watercolor	140 lb (300 g/m ²)	Cold Press	••	•••	••	••	••	••	•	•	•	•	•	•	
400 Watercolor	140 lb (300 g/m ²)	Cold Press	•••	•••	••	••	••	••	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Ready Cut Watercolor	140 lb (300 g/m ²)	Cold Press	•••	•••	••	•••	•••	••	••	••	••	••	•	••	
Ready Cut Watercolor	140 lb (300 g/m ²)	Hot Press	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	••	••	••	••	••	•	•	
500 Aquarius II® Watercolor	80 lb (170 g/m ²)	Cold Press	•••	•••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	•	•	
500 Imperial® Watercolor	140 lb (300 g/m ²)	Hot Press	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	••	••	••	••	••	•	•	
500 Imperial® Watercolor	140 lb (300 g/m ²)	Cold Press	•••	•••	••	•••	•••	••	••	••	••	••	•	••	
500 Gemini Watercolor	140 lb (300 g/m ²)	Cold Press	•••	•••	••	••	•••	••	••	••	••	••	•	••	
500 Gemini Watercolor	140 lb (300 g/m ²)	Rough	•••	•••	•	••	•••	••	••	••	••	••	•	••	
500 Gemini Watercolor	300 lb (638 g/m ²)	Cold Press	•••	•••	••	••	•••	•••	•••	••	••	•••	•	••	
MIXED MEDIA															
Vision Mixed Media	98 lb (160 g/m ²)	Vellum	•	••	•••	•	•	•	••	••	•••	•••	••	••	••
300 Mixed Media	117 lb (190 g/m ²)	Vellum	•	••	•••	•	•	•	••	••	•••	•••	••	••	••
400 Mixed Media	184 lb (300 g/m ²)	Vellum	•••	•••	•••	•	•	••	••	••	•••	•••	••	••	••
400 Toned Mixed Media	184 lb (300 g/m ²)	Vellum	•••	•••	•••	•	•	••	••	••	•••	•••	••	••	••
500 Mixed Media	90 lb (190 g/m ²)	Vellum	••	•••	•••	••	•	••	••	••	•••	•••	•••	••	•••
500 Mixed Media - Board	Heavyweight - 52 pt	Vellum	•••	•••	•••	••	••	•••	•••	••	•••	•••	•••	••	•••
500 Illustration Board for Wet Media	Heavyweight - 78 pt	Vellum	•••	•••	•••	••	••	•••	••	••	•••	•••	•••	••	•••
500 Heavyweight Mixed Media	350 lb (570 g/m ²)	Vellum	•••	•••	•••	••	••	•••	•••	••	•••	•••	•••	••	•••

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

Paper	Weight	Surface	Painting Technique					Paint/Ink			Drawing				
			Warp Resistance	Absorbency/Bleed Through	Texture: Brush Drag	Texture: Brush Mark Quality	Impasto Technique	Heavy Impasto Technique	Acrylic	Oil	Mixed Media/Collage	Drawing	Oil Pastel	Pen & Ink/Marker	
ACRYLIC AND OIL															
400 Acrylic	246 lb (400 g/m ²)	Linen Finish	••	•••	••	•••	••	•••	••	••	•	••	•	•	•
300 Canvas	115 lb (187 g/m ²)	Canvas Texture	•	••	••	••	••	•	•	••	••	••	•	•	•
400 Oil Painting	215 lb (350 g/m ²)	Linen Finish	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	••	••	•••	••	••	•	•	•

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Paper	Weight	Surface	Printmaking						Drawing [†]					Painting		
			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 Printmaking	120 g/m ²	Medium Textured	•••	•	•	••	••	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
400 Printmaking	280 g/m ²	Medium Textured	•••	••	••	•••	•	••	••	••	•	•	•	•	•	•
500 Printmaking	280 g/m ²	Medium Textured	•••	•••	•••	•••	•	•••	••	••	•	••	•	•	•	•

[‡] Acrylic Paint: Gesso paper before painting for maximum color vitality.

[§] 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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