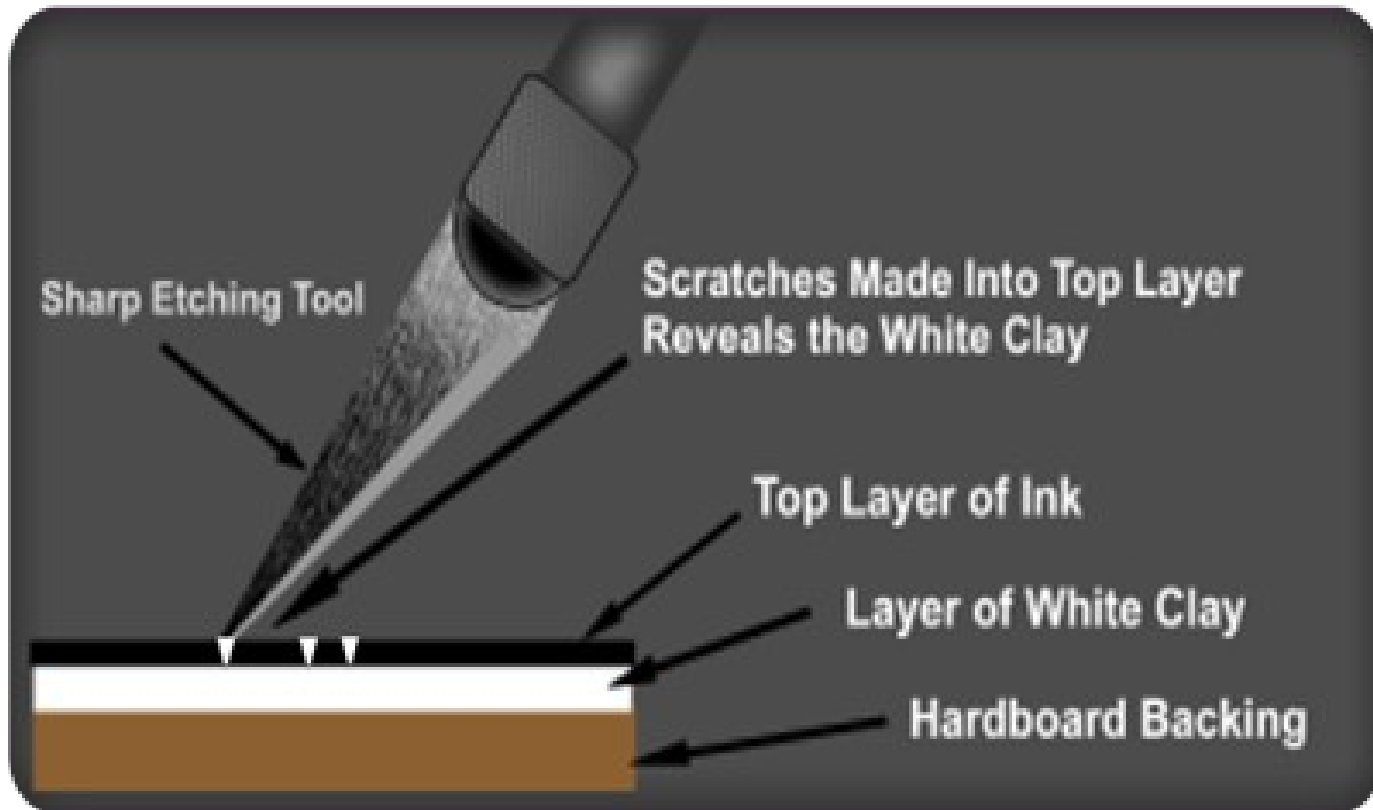


Experimenting with Scratchboard Art

Scratchboard is the art form of direct engraving where the graphic artist scratches off dark ink to reveal a white or colored layer underneath the paper or board. This produces mainly black and white illustrations with stark highlights and black shadows or black backgrounds

Diagram of Scratchboard



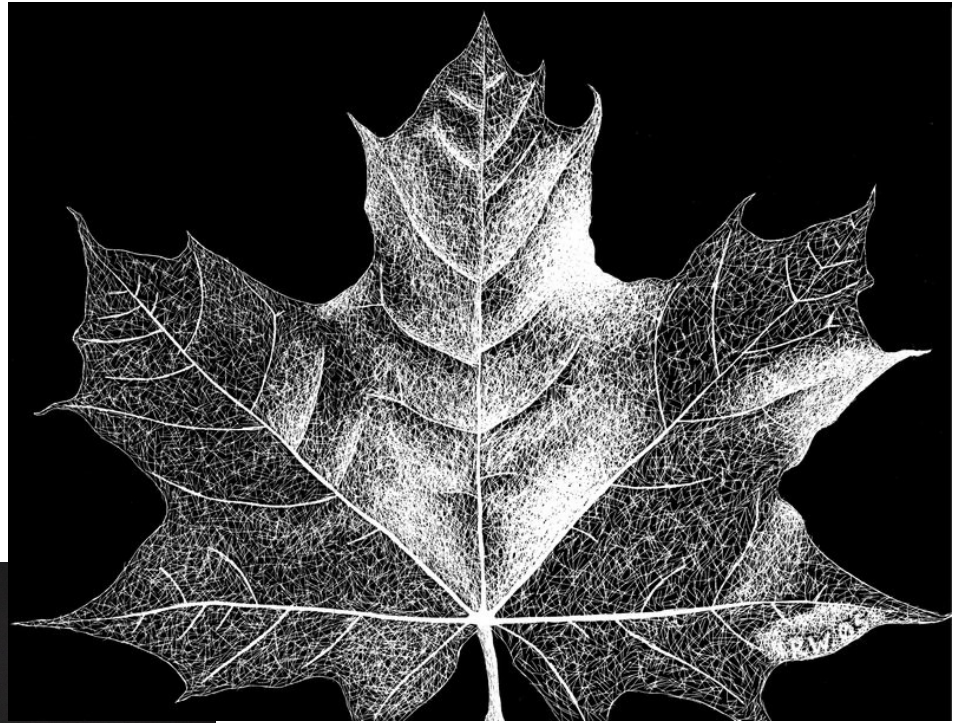
Simple Craft, Simple Tools

Scratchboard Art by graphic artists can produce 2 or 3 dimensional drawings, unlike works by craftsmen and artists using Wood-cut prints or Cutout Silhouettes which produce a two-dimensional representation of the outline, object or drawing. Even Rubber-Stamping prints differentiate from this Scratchboard Art.

Scratchboard refers to both a fine-art medium, and an illustrative technique using sharp knives and tools for engraving into a thin layer of white China clay that is coated with dark, often black India ink.

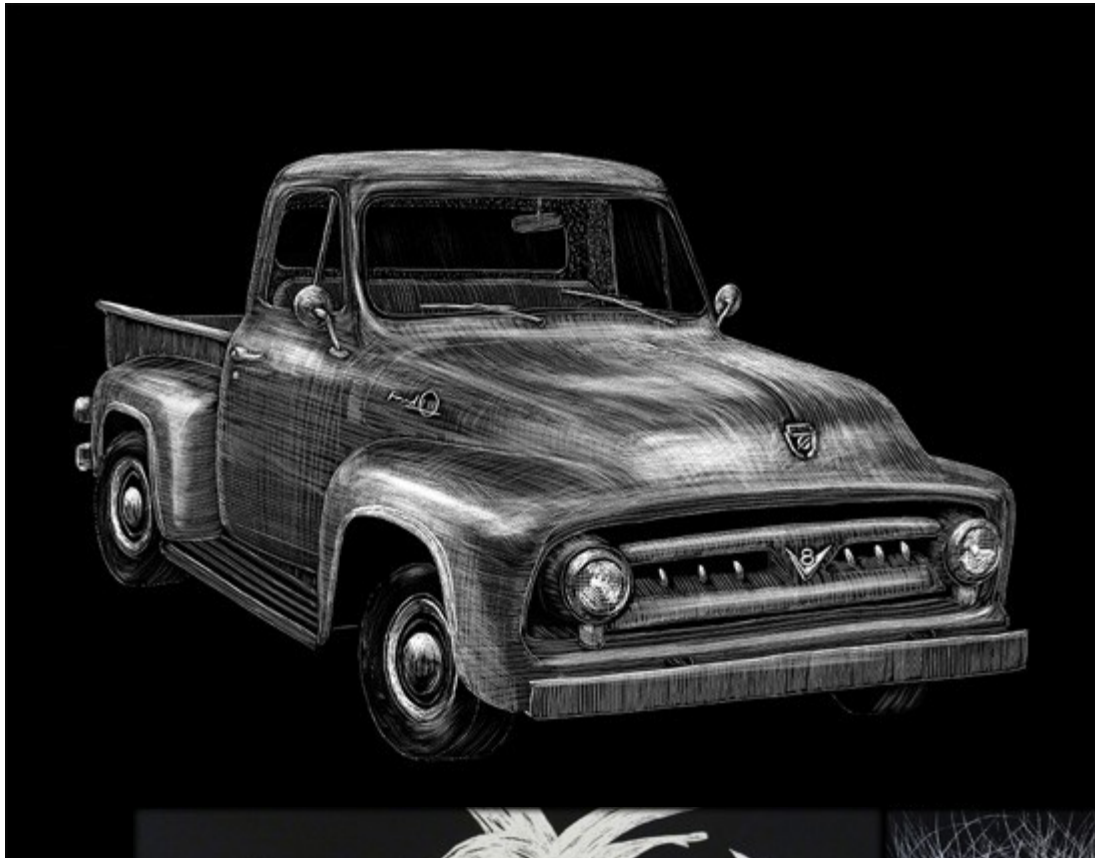


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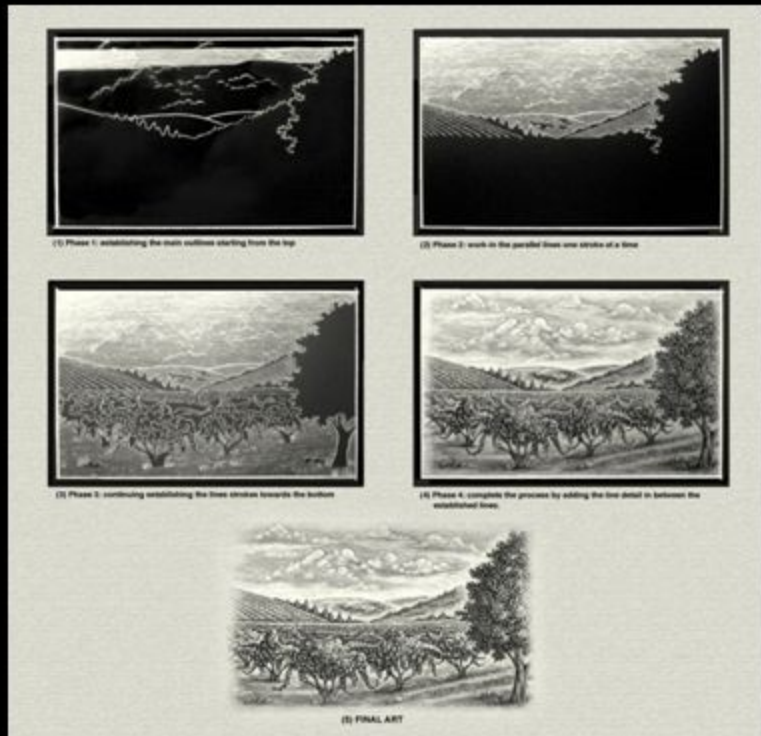
Scratchboard





Special engraving stylus with tips or
X-acto blades can be used



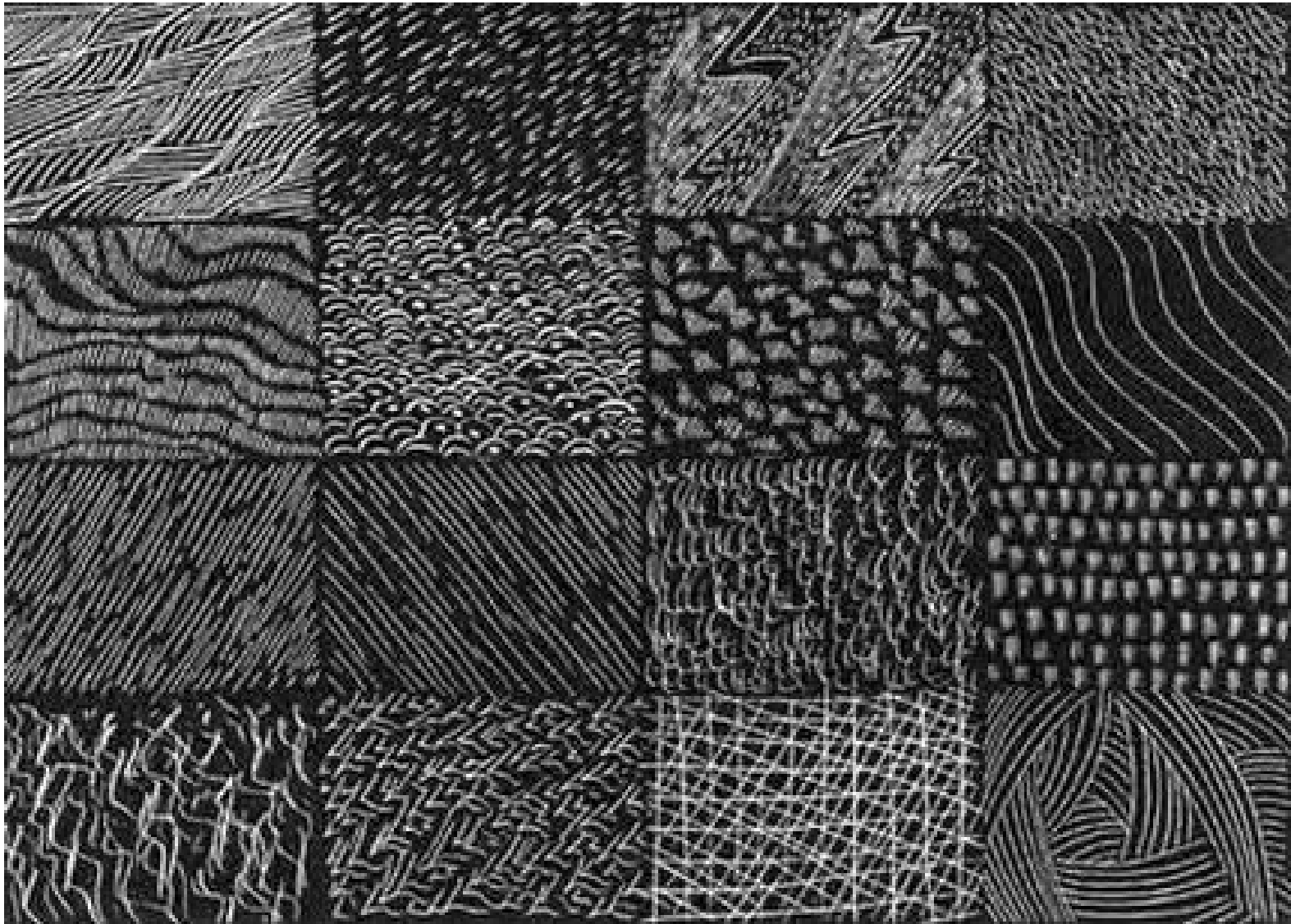


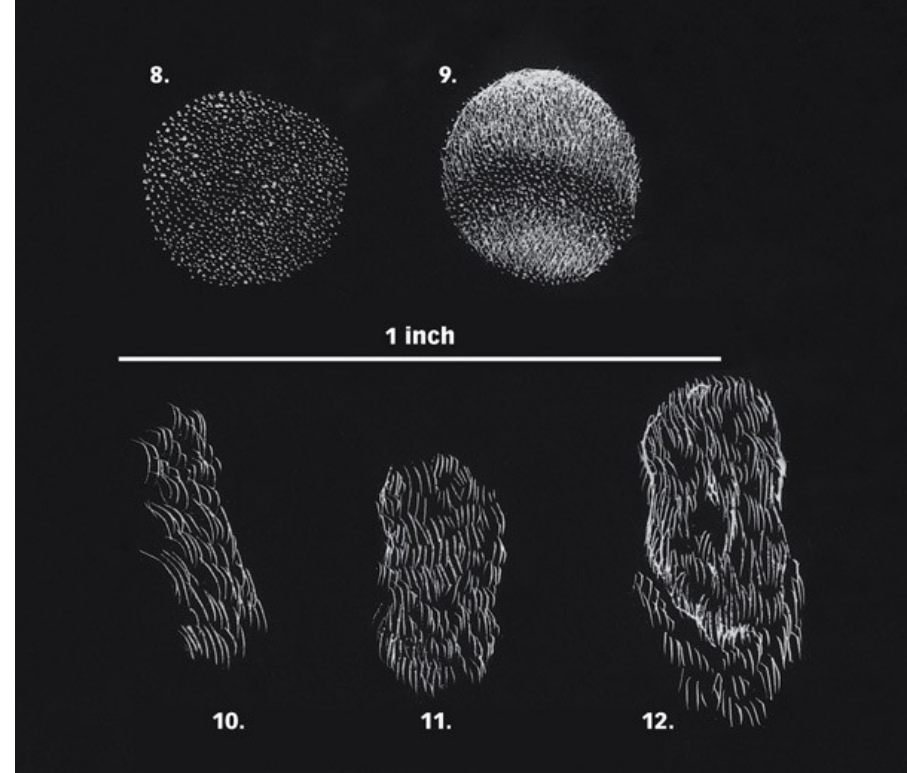
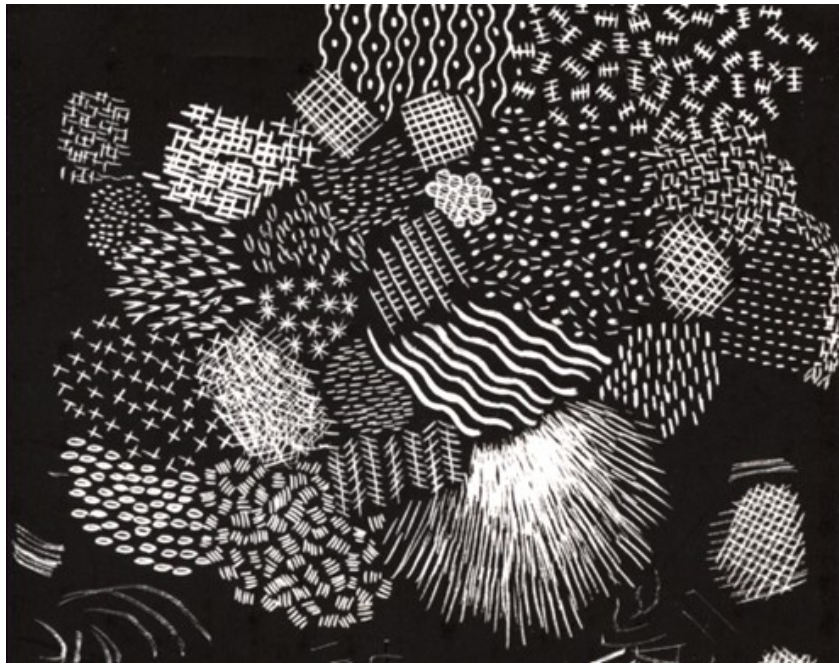
Like most forms of artwork, developing a plan through a series of thumbnail drawings makes success more certain.

To begin a scratchboard, the artist first chooses an image, drawing it **EXTREMELY** lightly on the prepared surface in pencil.

Following this, the lightest areas of the image are removed first, followed by successively darker areas.

Practice, practice, practice

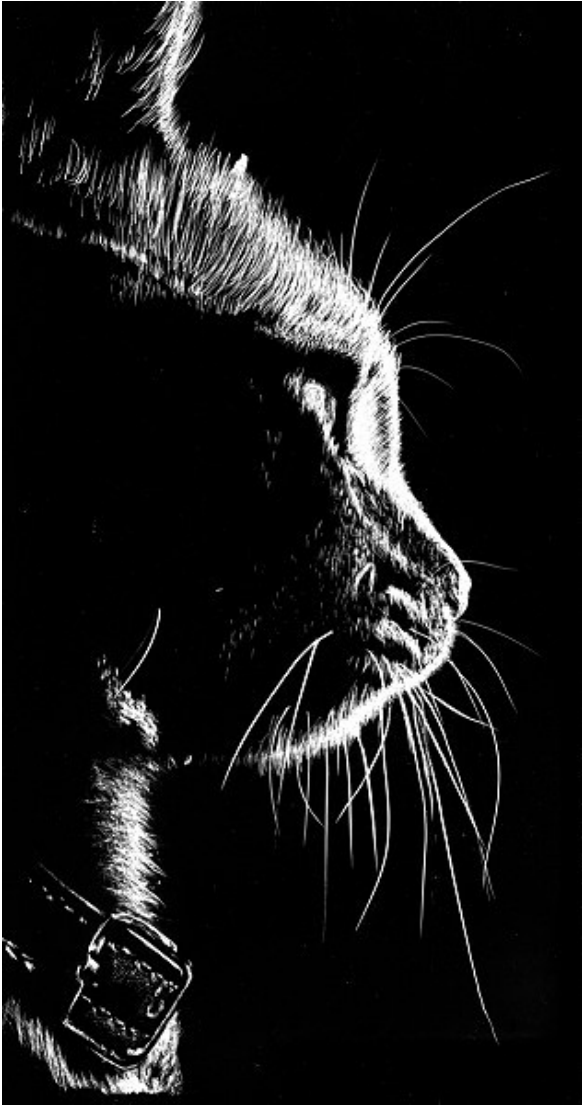




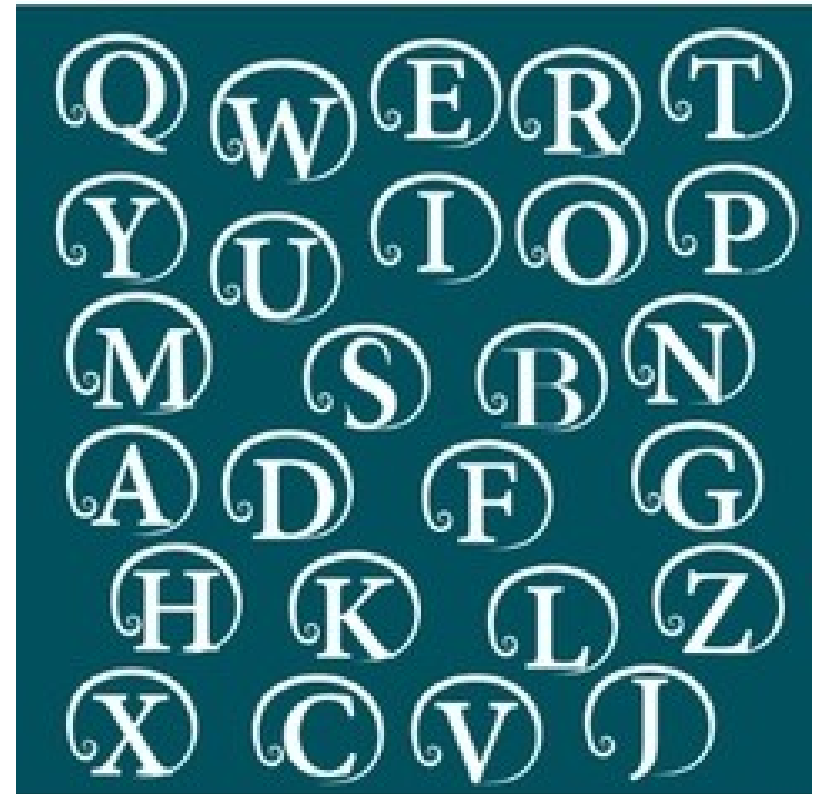
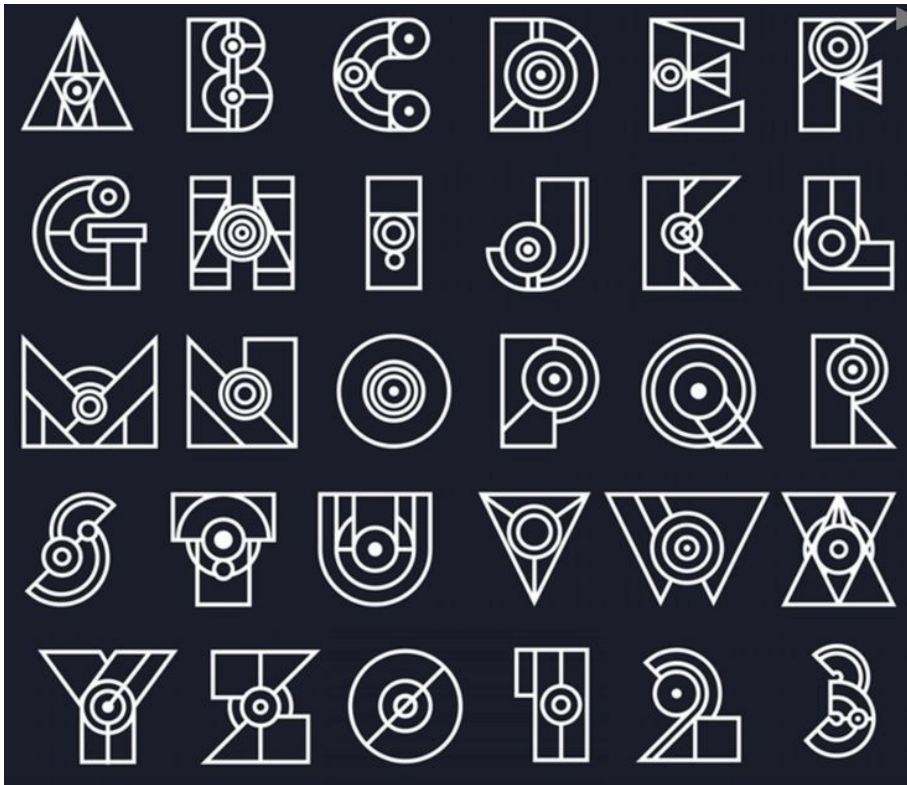
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Simple or Detailed Art



Draw your lines to follow contours







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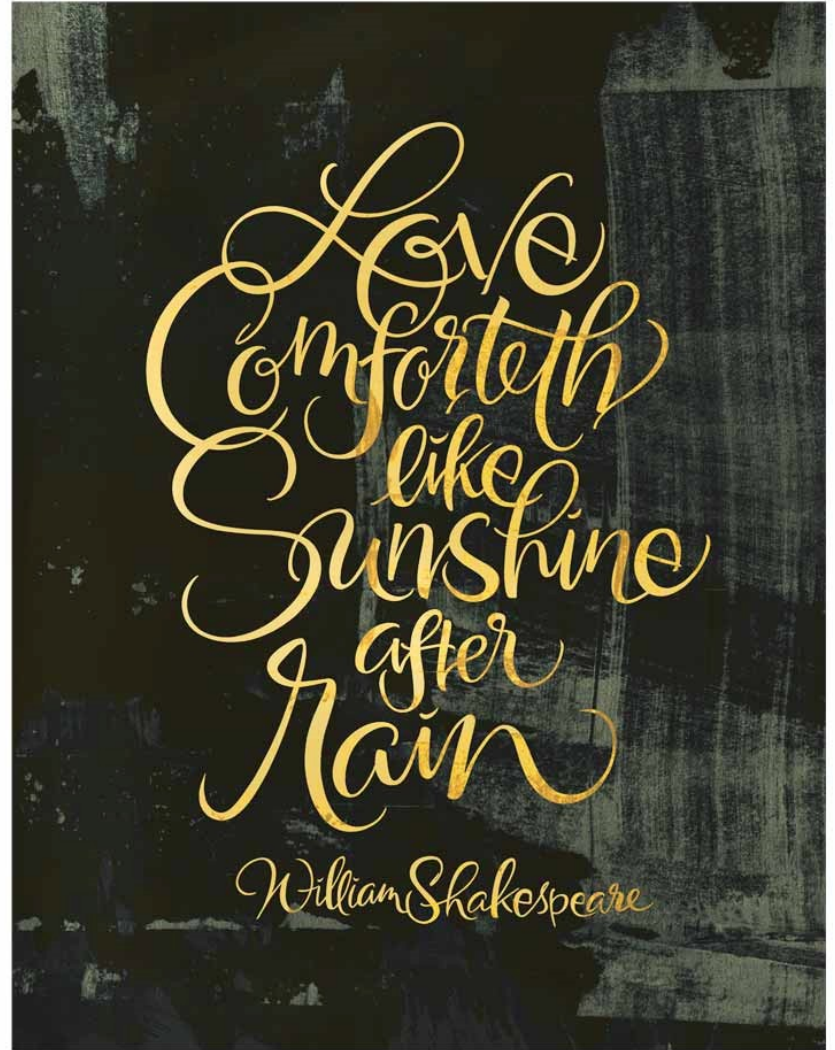
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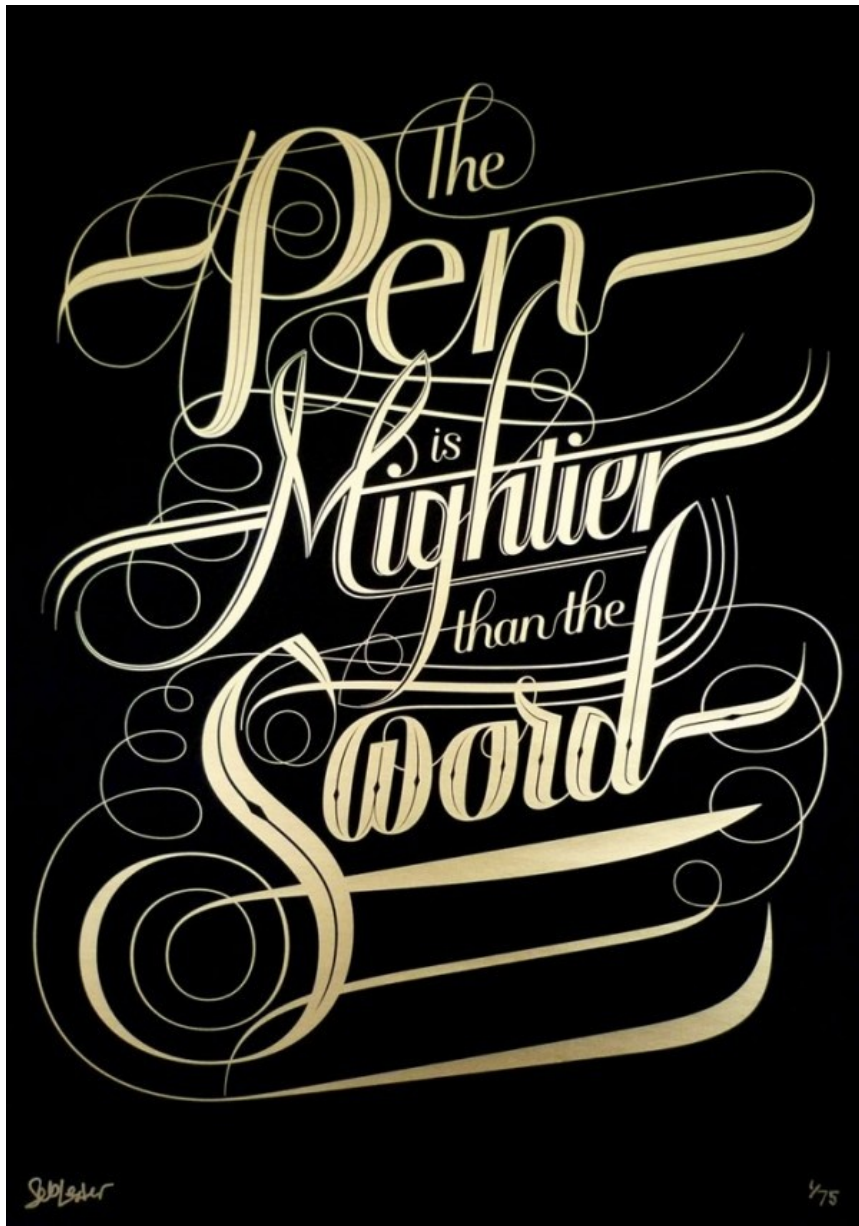




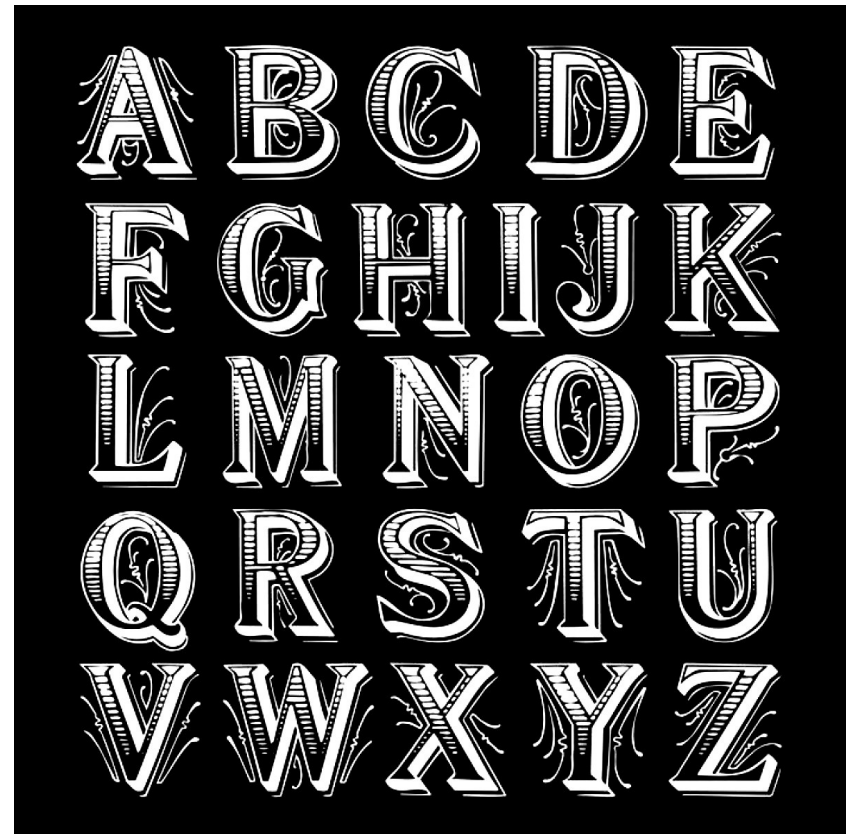
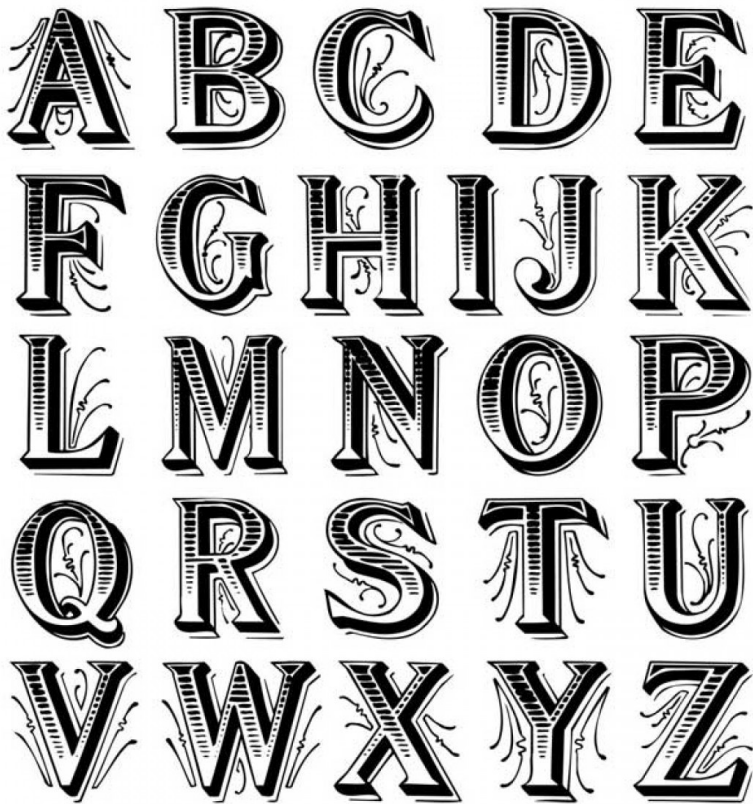
Geometric,
Abstract,
Realistic







Use your computer Photo Editor to convert B/W images into negatives







Take your time & enjoy
Scratchboard Art