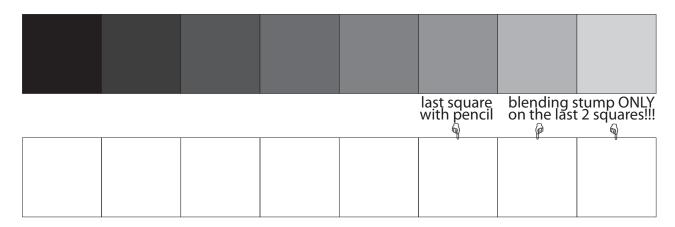
How to use the blending stump

To create a smooth shading you can soften pencil strokes using a blending stump. Follow these steps:

- **1.** Fill in the squares with any B pencil as you create a value scale. LEAVE THE LAST 2 SQUARES BLANK. Try not to go too dark because the blending stump (next step) will make the tones darker.
- **2.** With your blending stump smooth every square (one at a time). Do not apply too much pressure (this would create smudges). As you do this, your blending stump will be picking up graphite which can be used in the last 2 squares. Use circular strokes as well as vertical and horizontal strokes.

The blending stump allows you to create very light gray tones. The more tonal variation you achieve in your drawings, the more volume and depth you will be creating.



Create a gradient using any B pencils and the blending stump. Remember not to apply too much pressure!

