

VALUE RELATIVITY

At times values can be somewhat deceiving. The values within your drawings are based on relationships, not on “photographic” copying of values. This means that the values surrounding an area that you are working on are just as important as the specific area you may be drawing at the time. The value of the negative space and adjacent objects all effect each other. Below you can see two examples of value relativity. In the first example, the two small center squares appear as if they are different values. When they are taken out of the larger squares you can see that the two small squares are actually the same value. The value of the surrounding space of the larger squares has given the illusion of a contrast between the small squares.



In the example below, the two smaller squares appear to be closer in value when they are actually farther apart.

