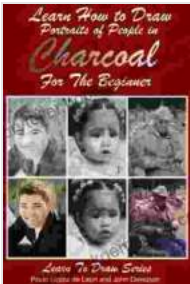


# Learn How To Draw Portraits Of People In Charcoal For The Beginner



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Drawing portraits in charcoal is a great way to capture the likeness of a person. It's a challenging but rewarding art form that can be learned with practice. In this article, we'll provide you with a step-by-step guide on how to draw portraits in charcoal for beginners.

## Materials

- Charcoal pencils (various grades)
- Drawing paper
- Blending stumps or tortillons
- Eraser
- Reference photo

## Step-by-Step Guide

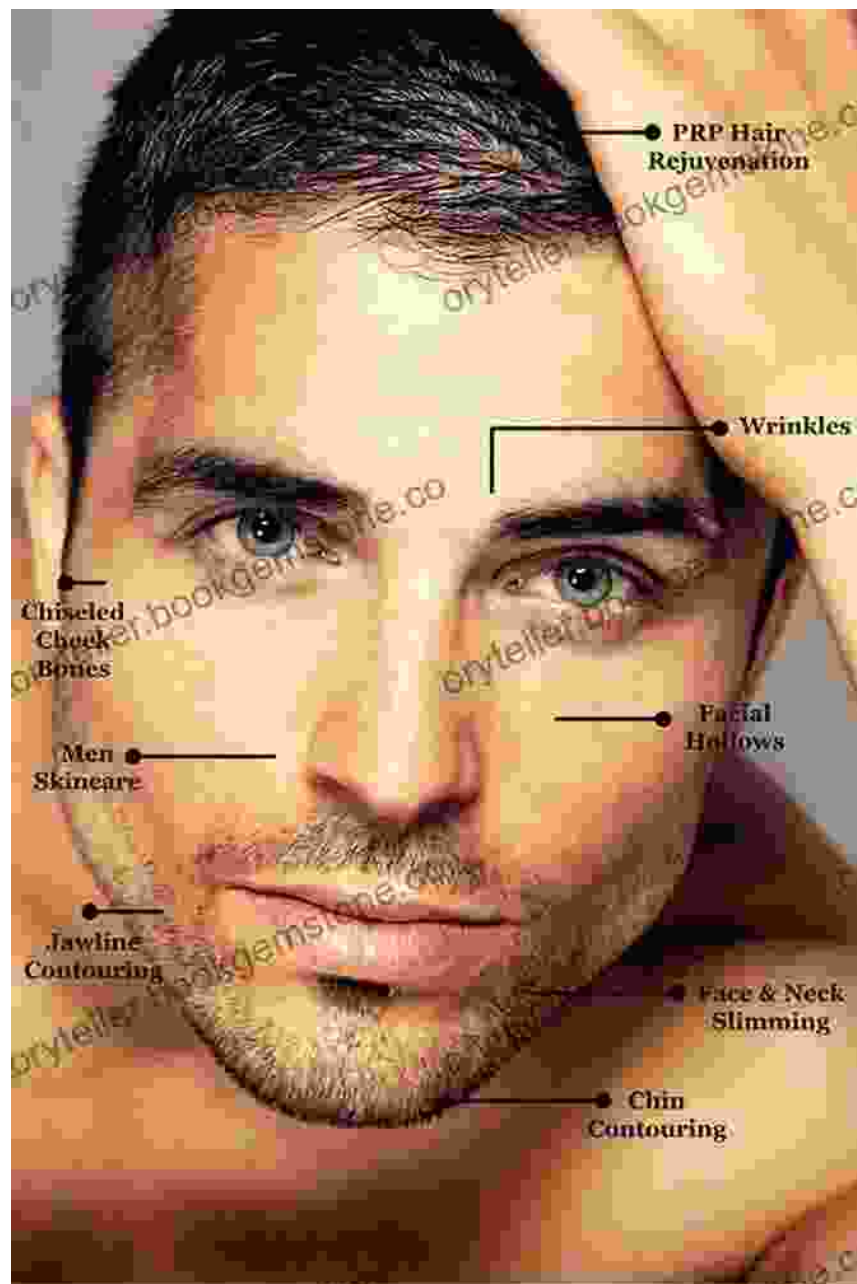
### 1. Sketch the Basic Shape

Start by sketching the basic shape of the head. Use light, gentle strokes to outline the overall shape, including the general proportions of the face.



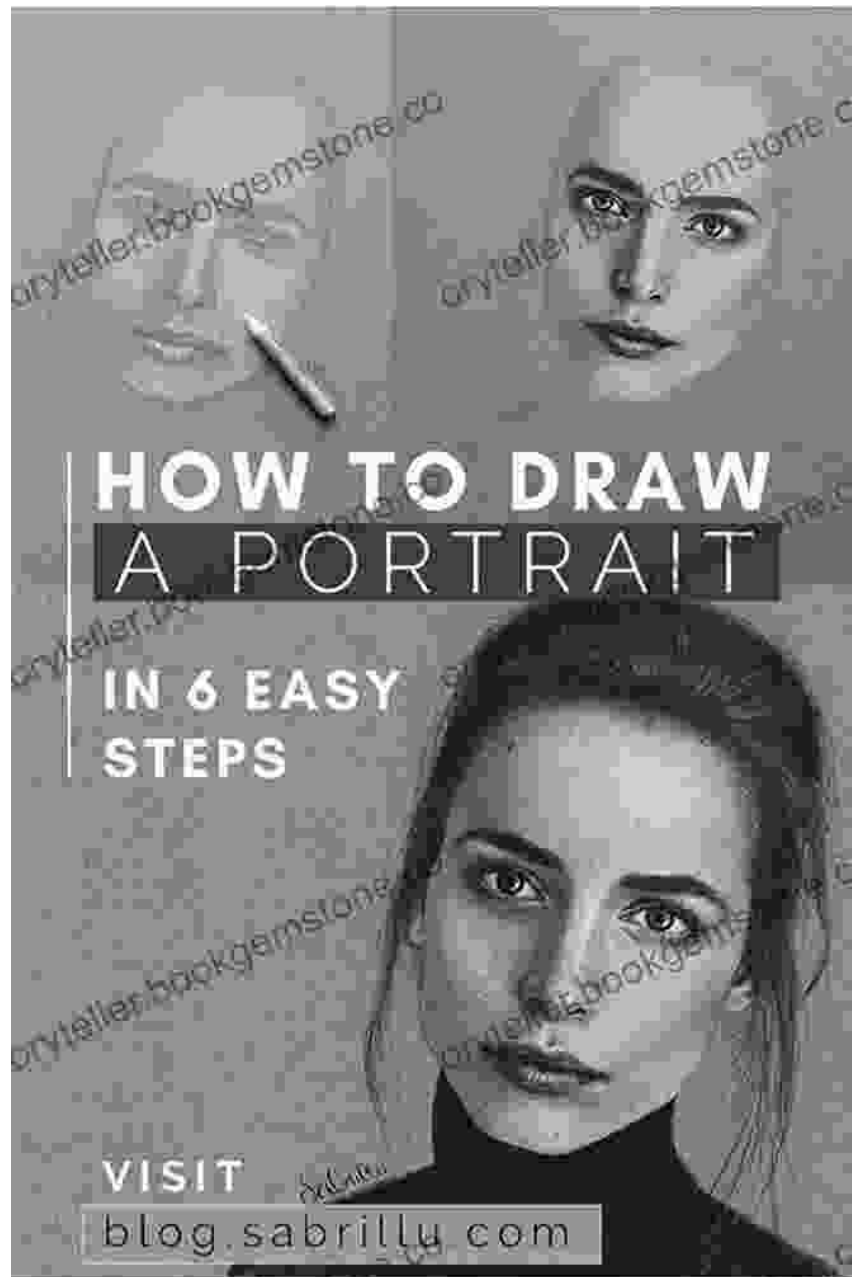
### 2. Add the Features

Next, start adding the features to the face. Begin with the eyes, nose, and mouth. Use short, light strokes to outline the basic shapes.



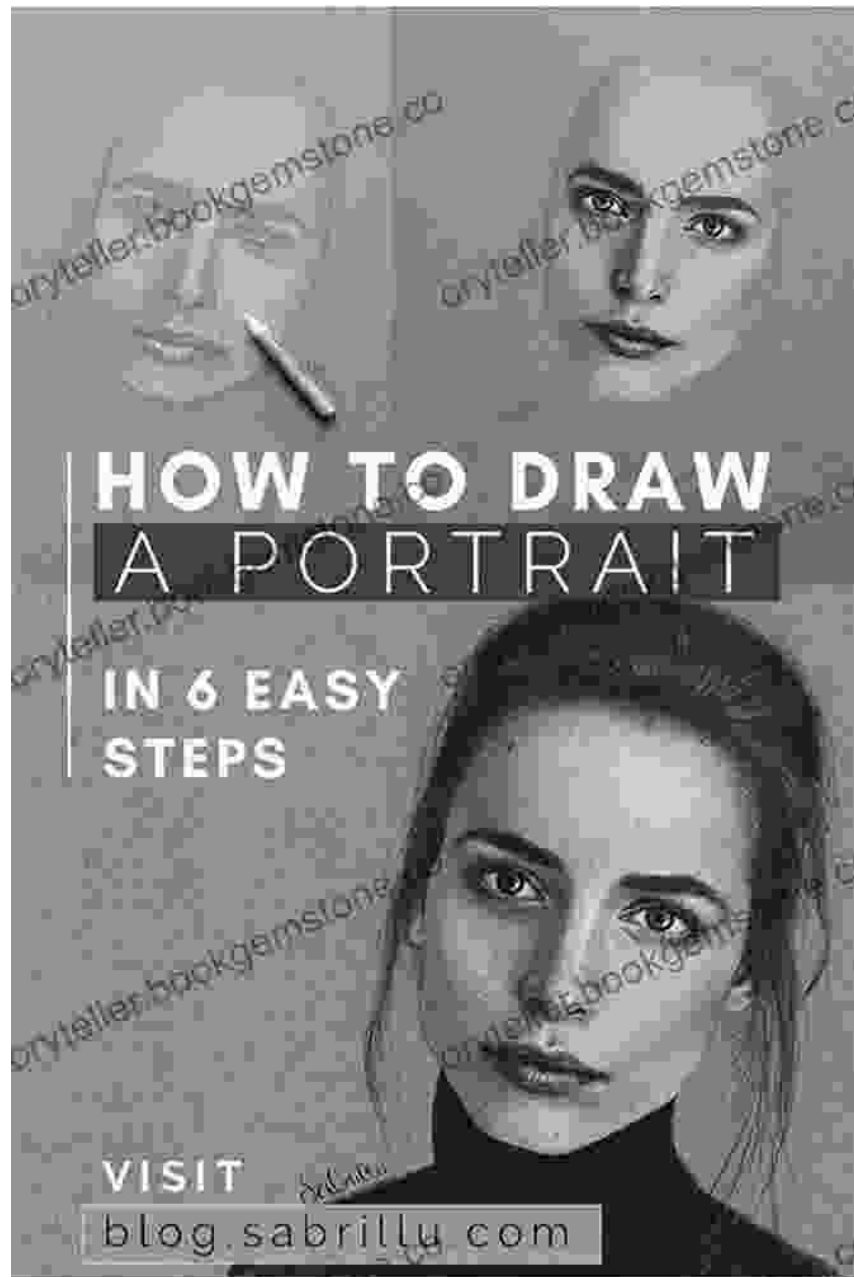
### 3. Refine the Features

Once you have the basic features in place, you can start to refine them. Use a variety of charcoal pencils to add detail and shading. Pay attention to the shape and value of each feature.



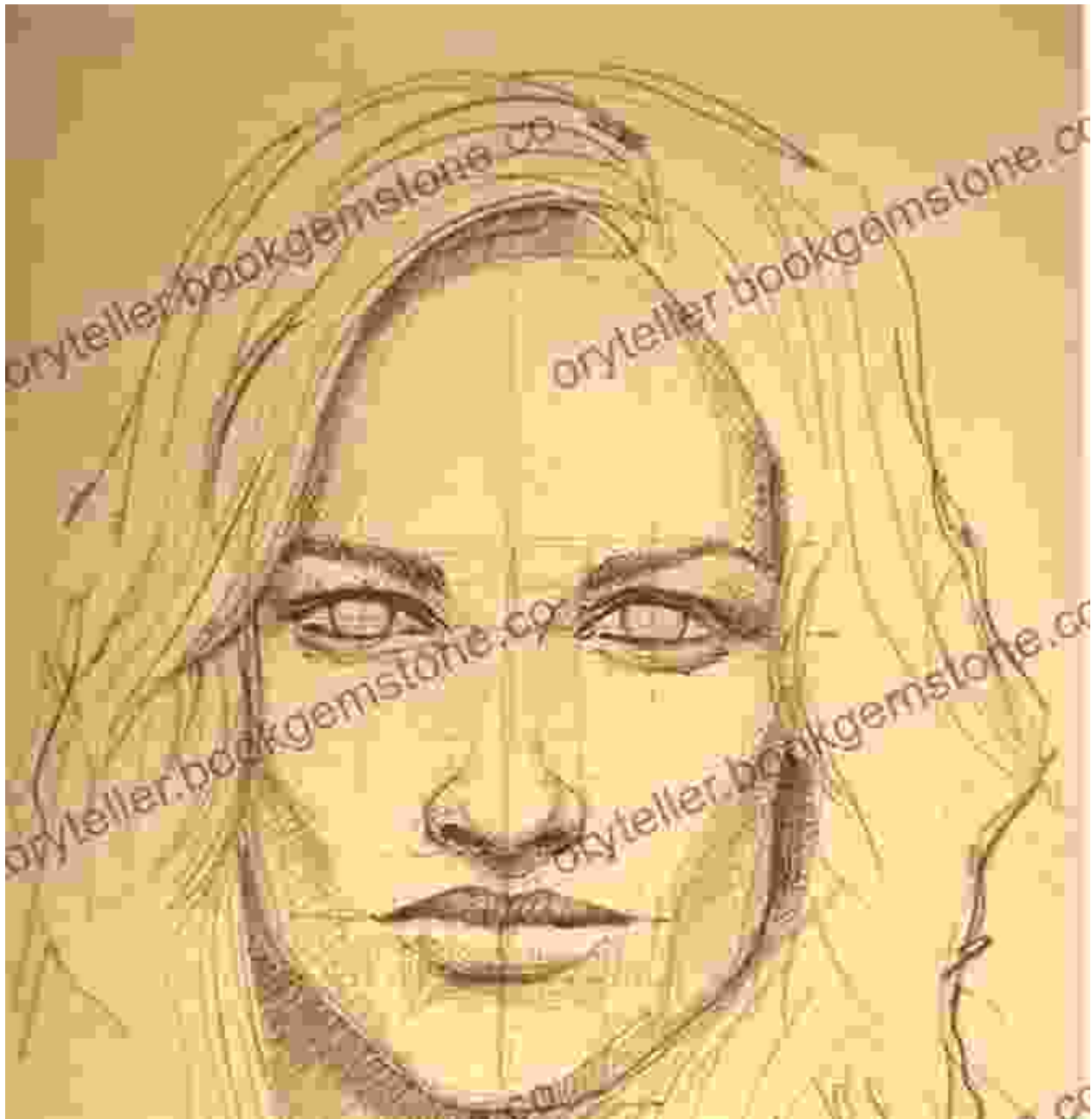
#### 4. Add the Hair

Next, add the hair. Use light, flowing strokes to outline the general shape of the hair. Then, use darker charcoal pencils to add detail and shading.



## 5. Add the Clothing

If you're drawing a portrait of someone with clothing, add it in this step. Use a variety of charcoal pencils to create the texture and folds of the clothing.



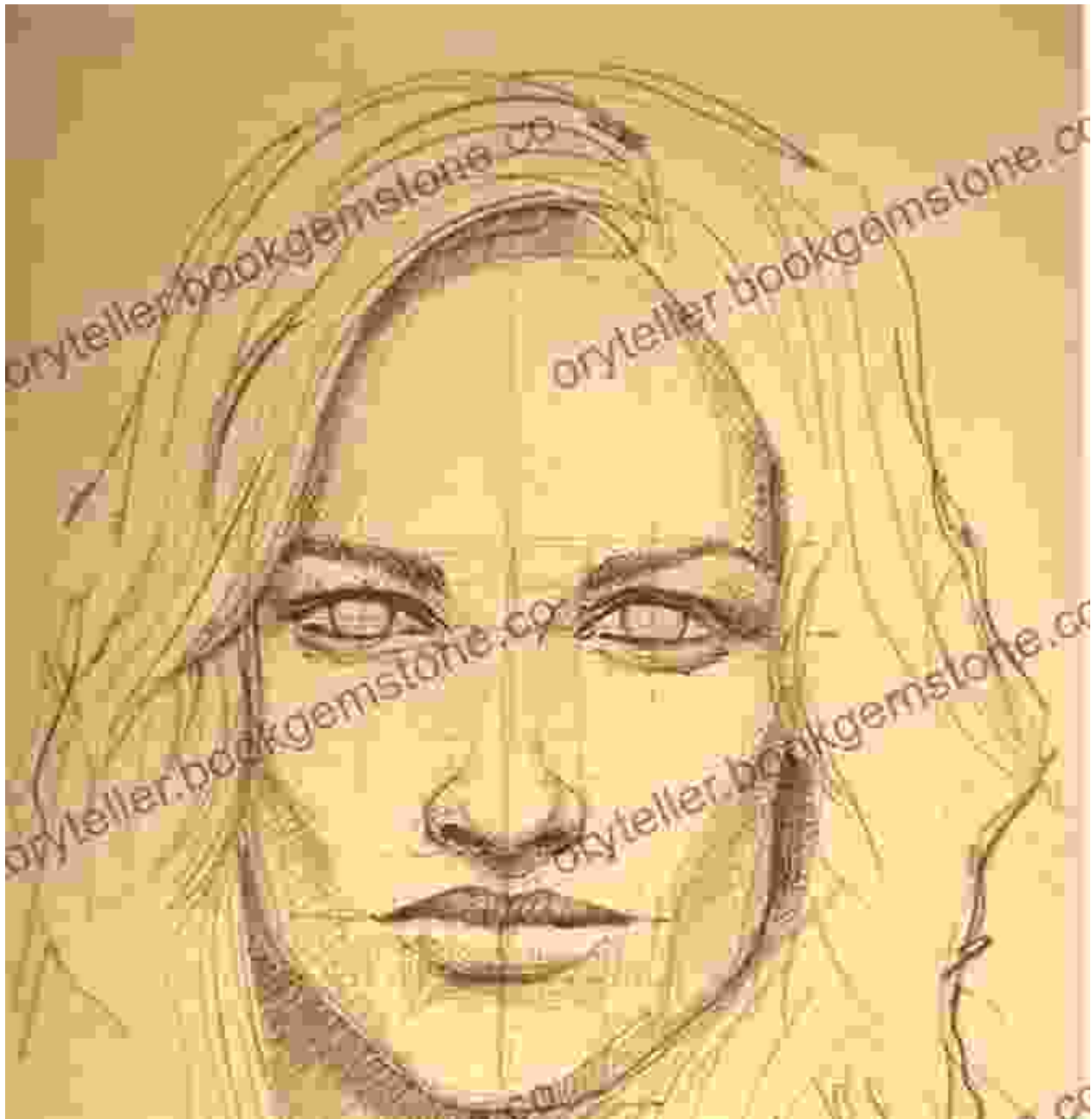
## 6. Blend and Shade

Once you have all of the elements in place, you can start to blend and shade the drawing. Use blending stumps or tortillons to smooth out the transitions between different values. You can also use your eraser to lighten areas or create highlights.



## 7. Finishing Touches

Once you're satisfied with the overall look of the drawing, you can add any finishing touches. This could include adding highlights, adding details to the eyes, or adding a background.



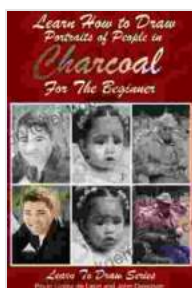
### **Tips for Drawing Portraits in Charcoal**

- Use a variety of charcoal pencils to create different values and textures.
- Pay attention to the shape and value of each feature.



- Use blending stumps or tortillons to smooth out the transitions between different values.
- Don't be afraid to make mistakes. Charcoal is a forgiving medium, and you can always erase and start over.
- Practice regularly. The more you practice, the better you'll become at drawing portraits in charcoal.

Drawing portraits in charcoal is a challenging but rewarding art form. With practice, you can learn to create beautiful and lifelike portraits. So what are you waiting for? Grab your charcoal pencils and start practicing today!



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