

How are pencils made?



1. Match the words with the definitions.

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| a. mix: | To heat objects made of clay in a special oven so that they become hard. |
| b. press: | To do something in order to discover if something is safe, works correctly, etc. |
| c. fire: | To cover something with a liquid. |
| d. bathe: | To cover a surface with paint. |
| e. mill | To make something flat and firm by putting it under something heavy. |
| f. apply: | To make something sharp or sharper. |
| g. insert: | To put something into a liquid for a short time. |
| h. paint: | To cause different substances to combine. |
| i. stamp: | To spread or rub a substance such as cream or paint on a surface. |
| j. dip: | To cut something or make it into a particular shape by using a special machine. |
| k. test: | To put something inside something else. |
| l. sharpen: | To put a mark on an object either by printing on it or pushing into it with a small tool. |

2. Watch the video and put the actions in order.

Chapter #1 – The leads

- [] Fire the leads
- [] Press the leads
- [] Mix graphite and clay
- [] Colour pencil leads
- [] Dry the leads
- [] Bathe the leads in wax

Chapter #2 – The pencils

- [] Dry them in a wheel
- [] Mill the grooves
- [] Close the slats
- [] Apply glue
- [] Mill the pencils
- [] Insert the leads

Chapter #3 – Painting and Stamping

- [] Stamp the pencils
- [] Dip the pencils' ends
- [] Dry the pencils
- [] Paint the pencils
- [] Mix paint

