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For Strathmore 400 Series Drawing, the maker lists smooth paper for clear-line or technical work and medium surface for graphite and charcoal. These descriptions apply to that paper line. Compare the same marks across surfaces, keep graphite and charcoal labels tied to their own product ranges, and test a shaped kneadable eraser on scrap. The printed examples are illustrative. Your results depend on the materials and handling.

Material or grade	Where to start	What to check
Smooth · 400 Series Drawing	Try it for a clear-line task	Compare the same graphite line on medium surface.
Medium · 400 Series Drawing	Trial with graphite or charcoal	Keep each tool fixed within its surface pair.
Graphite · one maker’s grades	Copy each printed H/HB/B label	Describe the line you actually made.
Charcoal · one named range	Keep Light/Medium/Dark with its maker	Compare samples without translating to graphite.
Kneadable eraser · e.g. 5427	Shape a small tip for a test lift	Record what remains on the paper.

Choose a surface for this job

The cited Strathmore 400 Series Drawing line lists smooth paper for clear-line or technical work and medium surface for graphite and charcoal. These descriptions apply to that line. Compare the same tool and mark on the surfaces you have.

Use one set of controlled marks and compare the real results under the same light.

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Original prompt

Compare one graphite line on smooth and medium 400 Series Drawing paper, then one charcoal patch on each surface. Keep each material the same within its pair, label the paper and mark, and choose by the job and your own result.

Printed examples illustrate mark types. Make your own samples to compare materials.

Smooth · graphite line



Medium · same graphite



Smooth · charcoal patch



Medium · same charcoal



Answer

The maker lists smooth surface for clear-line or technical work and medium surface for graphite and charcoal. Keep the same graphite pencil across its pair and the same charcoal pencil across its pair. Label the actual surfaces and describe the marks you observe. The examples illustrate a comparison. Marks can vary across paper products.

Reasoning

Changing the surface while keeping each tool the same within its pair makes the comparison easier to interpret.

Check

Check four labeled samples: graphite on both surfaces and charcoal on both surfaces, with each pair using one unchanged tool.