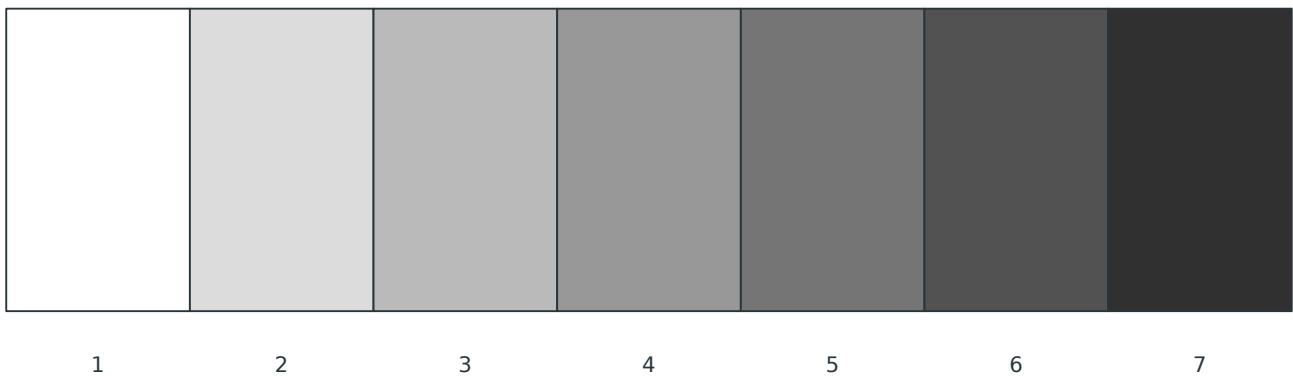


Seven-step value scale

Reference tones are a simplified drawing guide and may print differently. Compare order, highlight and light direction. A hand-drawn study need not match these digital gray values.



Keep step 1 as paper-white. Darken successive boxes so each neighbor is visibly different. The last box is the darkest target; do not add extra steps.

Try the same sequence again below.



Self-check: distinct values; preserved paper highlight; consistent light. Use the separate reference as a comparison, not a numerical grade.