

PENCIL BREAKAGE

Do you find that sometimes certain pencils will continuously break off when sharpening? It may be that you are using the wrong type of sharpener. Your sharpener should have a spiral sharpening mechanism, not the blade type. Although the blades may work for a while, they usually dull after use and break off the lead.

If you use Prisma colored pencils be aware that these colored pencils are now being manufactured in Mexico and don't always have the quality control they used to have. One thing you should look for when purchasing individual Prisma pencils is that the core color is centered in the exact middle of the wooden shaft. If it is not centered it will break off as you sharpen it.



Some colors tend to break off easier than others. If you place the pencil in the microwave for a few seconds (under 10 seconds) it should be easier to sharpen it. You could leave it outside for a few minutes and the Florida sun will warm it too! If you drop your pencils that may break the color core and it will also break off as you sharpen it. Try not to drop them! Easier said than done !

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