

Product Review: OfficeGoods Electric & Battery Operated Pencil Sharpener

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Our very first Guild president, Helen Gromadzki, now lives in Texas and is teaching a colored pencil class there. She recently sent an email to me telling about a pencil sharpener that she had researched online. She decided to purchase two of them for her classroom after seeing the numerous (1,000+) positive reviews, many of them written by people who are using it to sharpen colored pencils.



“OfficeGoods Electric & Battery Operated Pencil Sharpener for Home Office & School, Sharpens Evenly Every Time, Great for Everyone that Wants the Perfect Point”

\$26.95 on Amazon.com

I learned from their marketing lingo that “OfficeGoods is a company that is “working to produce excellence in office products for the office and home that work as you expect them to.” Here is what they say about their sharpener:

- **“GET THE PERFECTLY EVEN POINT YOU WANT:** Tired of a lopsided pencil point? Our pencil sharpener will give you the point you want. That dreaded leftover wood is gone! Get the **BEST** pencil point you have ever had for your colored, graphite and standard #2 pencils. And the special point adjuster allows you to choose what type of point you want - blunt, medium or sharp! Great for the office, artists, kids and everyone that needs and wants a dependable pencil point.
- **COMPACT AND PORTABLE:** Small desk? The sharpeners footprint is small and it can fit almost anywhere and it is mighty and sharpens a new pencil in 10-15 seconds. Take it where ever you need to, such as your workshop, the park, or to your art class.
- **POWERED THREE WAYS:** No electrical outlet nearby? Don’t like the clutter of cords? The sharpener is powered by an AC adapter & USB cord or by 4 AA Batteries (not included). Works as well with batteries as it does when using an outlet. Note:
- **WE STAND BEHIND OUR PRODUCTS:** You can shop worry free with OfficeGoods. We work to send you the finest product and your satisfaction is very important us. If you ever need customer service, we will be there to help you fast or your money back! Add our Pencil Sharpener to your cart and experience the best OfficeGoods has to offer you!”

Well, my sales resistance was low that day so I immediately ordered the sharpener on Amazon. It’s now a week later and I’m very happy that I bought it. I took it with me to a workshop and also to one of my classes and let people try it. They all seemed to like it as well as I do. I have been using it daily at home and am

amazed at how quickly I get a very sharp point. So quickly in fact, that it did take me a little while to get accustomed to how fast it sharpens. You are supposed to listen for a change in sound which is a signal that it's ready, but I don't think I hear the difference. All I know is that I put my dull pencil in the sharpener and take out a very sharp one in 1-2 seconds. It has 3 settings for points: sharp, medium, and blunt. I don't really find this feature useful because I only use sharp points. I like being able to plug the sharpener in at home and run it on batteries in a workshop.

Thanks, Helen, for the great tip! We miss you and wish you success with your new class.