Value Exercises

A value scale presents evenly spaced steps between black and white. A gradation presents a continuous and smooth change from black to white. In this and the following pages there is a place to develop a value scale and a gradation that share their black ends. There is also a drawing in which to apply the values.

Exercise 1

Copy the drawings onto a sheet of typing paper and develop the gradation and steps with a lead pencil using continuous tones. Build the steps and gradations gradually in relationship to each other. Analyze the drawings and use the values to maximize the illusion of three dimensionality.

