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Sounds to me that your first step is to learn not to be so heavy handed. If you put a tissue or paper under your hand and you are still screwing up drawings then you need to lighten the touch.

Go get you a Smear stick or what ever the correct name is for those and a kneaded eraser. Those are must haves for doing shaded drawing. I know you don't like kneaded erasers... but you are going to have to get over it and gussy up and buy one.

Then... you just start shading and smudging... it really is pretty simple once you get the hang of it. I normally spot shade my images with a lighter shade of grey and then start making my images more dark and have more contrast. But that is just me. I have met artists that gone balls to the wall right out of the gate... I don't. I build my images up. And yes, I know none of this makes sense... but just wait... someone like Bio will explain this better.