

scumble

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scum·ble (skŭm'bəl)

tr. v. **scum·bled**, **scum·bling**, **scum·bles**

1. To soften the colors or outlines of (a painting or drawing) by covering with a film of opaque or semiopaque color or by rubbing.

2. To blur the outlines of: *a writer who scumbled the line that divides history and fiction.*

n.

1. The effect produced by or as if by scumbling.
2. Material used for scumbling.

[Possibly from [scum](#).]

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scumble ('skʌmbəl)

vb

(Art Terms) (in painting and drawing) to soften or blend (an outline or colour) with an upper coat of opaque colour, applied very thinly

n

1. (Art Terms) the upper layer of colour applied in this way
2. (Art Terms) the technique or effects of scumbling

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scum·ble ('skʌm bəl)

v. **-bled**, **-bling**,

n. *v.t.*

1. to soften (the color or tone of a painted area) by overlaying parts with opaque or semiopaque color applied thinly and lightly with an

almost dry brush.

n.

2. the act or technique of scumbling.
3. the effect produced by this technique.

[1790–1800; perhaps **scum** (v.) + **-le**, with intrusive *b*]

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Past participle: scumbled

Gerund: scumbling

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Noun 1. scumble - the application of very thin coat of color over the surface of a picture




↔ **application, coating, covering** - the work of applying something; "the doctor prescribed a topical application of iodine"; "a complete bleach requires several applications"; "the surface was ready for a coating of paint";

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