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fl. 1660s

German manufacturer who produced the first commercially made pencils. In Nüremberg, Germany, in 1662, Staedtler established a factory for making pencils by fitting a thin strip of graphite into a grooved piece of wood, then covering the groove and sealing it in place with a glued wooden strip.