

Fundamentals of Oil Painting Supply List

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A note on buying art materials:

Art materials can be expensive and are infinitely varied. Part of being an art student—and indeed, an artist—is experimentation with new materials. That said, the materials an individual artist chooses to use are personal and completely up to them. When viewing a supply list, students should be aware that some of the listed materials are included to benefit the student with knowledge of what the instructor uses in their own work and may not be strictly required to take part in the class or workshop. We encourage students to use supply lists as a knowledge resource and to keep in mind the difference between required and suggested materials.

All required materials are listed in regular font. All suggested materials are marked with an * and italicized.

Materials

Drawing Materials: Required

We will use graphite pencil and white drawing paper.

- Paper: 14"x17" inch or 18"x24" inch drawing pad with white paper (24 sheets) *with a spiral at the top, not at the sides, as it's easier to clip into the drawing board**. Examples: *white Strathmore drawing pad (Series 300, 400 or 500)*. Please avoid newsprint paper, sketchpads, charcoal paper, Bristol board, and the jumbo "Biggie" sketchpads.*
- Pencils: graphite pencils (avoid the woodless pencils as they are hard to keep sharp)
 - 2 HB pencils
 - 2 H pencils
 - 2 2B pencils
- Other Items:
 - a drawing board,
 - a kneaded eraser,
 - a white nylon or plastic eraser such as *Mars Plastic Eraser** (not a Pink Pearl eraser because it leaves pink marks on the paper)
 - a couple cardboard blending stumps (small or medium size)

Painting Materials:

- **Oil Paints:** You may mix different brands of oil paints but make sure all tubes are oil paints (not acrylics). You may use water soluble oil paints. You will need the following colors:

- Ivory black
 - Titanium white
 - Venetian red (*other names: iron oxide red, terra rosa, Indian red or English red light. Transparent red oxide is a good substitute if you can't find one of the others**)
 - Burnt sienna
 - Burnt umber
 - Yellow ochre
 - Ultramarine blue
- **1 Palette Knife:**
 - Please do not bring plastic palette knives or flat palette knives.
 - **Type:** Metal with elbow bend (not flat like a butter knife) with at least a 2-inch blade. The tip may be rounded, triangular or diamond shaped. Look for the store brand and it will cost approximately \$5 not \$25 or more.
 - **Brushes:**
 - *Synthetic nylon flats or filberts (a rounded, tapered flat brush) and synthetic nylon rounds are suggested because they are inexpensive and last about as long as natural hair sable brushes**. Please do not bring natural hair bristle brushes or Robert Simmons brand brushes.
 - *Suggested brush brands: Nova Da Vinci Synthetics, ArtTec, Princeton or Winsor and Newton University Series**
 - **Quantity and sizes:** total of 6 brushes are required. You may make a selection of 2 brushes from 3 different sizes of filberts (sizes 2, 4, 6, 8) and two small rounds (sizes 0, 1 or 2)
 - **Odorless Solvent:**
 - **Turpenoid** or **Gamsol** to clean brushes and dilute paint (please no Turpenoid Natural or Turpentine).
 - **Quantity:** small sized container is required, about 4 to 8 ounces, if possible. We won't use much of this. Just a little to clean our brushes.
 - **Note:** if you are using water soluble oil paints you do not need odorless solvent. You may use water to dilute and to clean.
 - **Painting Supports:**
 - **Canvas Boards:** We will do a series of color mixing exercises on inexpensive canvas boards
 - **Quantity:** two 8"x10" inches are required.
 - *You may need one or two more for optional homework**

- **Pre-Stretched Canvas with acrylic gesso:**
 - **Quantity:** two are required for class work, either 8"x10" or 9"x12" inches
 - *You may need one or two more for optional homework**
- **Palette paper:** at least 9"x12" inches, white or grey

Miscellaneous Items to bring to each painting class:

- one metal palette cup or clean jar for odorless solvent
- paper towels (*Viva or Bounty recommended**)
- masking tape (half inch width), 12 inch ruler (t-square or measuring tape is okay)
- pencil (H is recommended)
- kneaded eraser

For supply list specific questions please email the instructor at dennis.cheaney@faculty.nyaa.edu.