

Pastel Painting Materials List

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Pastels:

Bring any pastels you have to the first class.

If you need to purchase some, here are my recommendations to start out. Half stick sets are the most economical and last a long time with a light touch.

- Hard pastels for underpainting: Prismacolor NuPastel (available locally at Michaels, Hobby Lobby)
- Medium: Rembrandt (available online in half stick sets)
- Softer: Sennelier (also available in half stick sets)

Paper:

Textured or sanded papers are best for pastel application. I'll have some samples of the many different papers available for you to see.

Bring a sheet of one of these to the first class.

- Canson Mi-Teintes is a textured paper and fine for beginning work (available locally at Michaels, Hobby Lobby)
- Art Spectrum Colorfix (available online)
- Wallis sanded pastel paper (my favorite, available online)

Miscellaneous:

- Reference photo (8 x 10" recommended)
- Paper support (foam core or masonite a few inches larger than your paper)
- Masking or Painter's tape
- Glassine (or waxed paper) to protect your painting in transit to and from class
- Small stiff bristle brush (for removing pastel)
- 4B or softer drawing pencils
- Small sketch book (for value studies and notes)

Optional materials will be discussed during class.

Art Supply Stores:

Local:

Michaels (S. Westnedge, Portage)

Hobby Lobby (W. Main & Drake, Kalamazoo)

Service Reproduction, 345 Summer Ave, Grand Rapids, servicereproduction.com

Online:

dakotapastels.com (great source of pastel info, but not the cheapest)

dickblick.com (good selection, good prices)

danielsmith.com

jerrysartarama.com

cheapjoes.com