

Pastels and Acrylics

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Find out why pastel and acrylic are the two hottest trends in making art. Become familiar with the techniques to best use these exciting mediums. Learn to use stronger values, better composition, and more dynamic color to give your work strength, depth and interest. Beginners to intermediates will learn to use these expressive mediums to bring light and life to their paintings, and most importantly, bring a sense of self to their work. Students are welcome to work in one or both mediums, and will find that there is a strong connection between the two.

SUPPLY LIST: PASTELS

Pastels: Nu-Pastels, box of (at least) 24 colors; Rembrandt or similar type of mid-softness pastel (basic colors); Optional, but not necessary to start: Soft pastels such as Sennelier or Unison Pastels

Paper: Any fine sanded pastel paper (like Wallis) preferred, or Canson, Sennelier or similar

Misc. supplies: Roll masking tape, or artist's tape; Board to tape paper to (16 X 20 piece of foam core or approximately similar size drawing board); Kneaded eraser; Inexpensive stiff bristle oil painting brush (for pastel removal); Paper towels

Several of your own photos (no magazine cuttings!) to use for reference, or objects for still life

SUPPLY LIST: ACRYLICS

Basic paint colors: Titanium White, Cadmium Yellow, Cadmium Orange Light, Cadmium Red Deep, Ultramarine Blue, Phthalo Green, Phthalo Blue, Yellow Ochre, Burnt Sienna, Deep Violet, Black

Primed Canvas or primed Masonite Board - 8 X 10 to 16 X 20 size

Medium Grade Acrylic/Oil Paint Brushes, #2, #6, #8, #12 bright, flat or round brushes *(A.C. Moore has good inexpensive brushes. Do not buy the lowest quality brushes. (They fall apart in your painting.)

Palette: I use an inexpensive "Glad" plastic covered casserole container, approximately 9" X 12" (Grocery store) with an 8 X 11" "Miracle Sponge" (A.C. Moore) or a plastic covered metal cake pan from Christmas Tree Shop and Parchment Paper (Grocery store) cut to size. (You may purchase a "Stay Wet Palette"

Misc. Supplies: Scissors, Pencil, Paper Towels, Jar for water

*The object here is to put together good, mid-grade supplies at a minimal cost.

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