

ACRYLIC PAINTING FOR BEGINNERS

INSTRUCTOR: ALEX BEADLE

While all materials can be found at Opus Art Supplies, similar products and brands from other stores are welcome. Suggested brand names are 'italicized'. Additional materials are also welcome.

WHAT WE PROVIDE

- Easels, side tables, chairs & stools, containers for liquids, masking tape, saran wrap

SURFACE

- 2 surfaces: any size between 9" x 12" and 12" x 16" (bring one surface to 1st class)
- Stretched canvas or gessoed hardboard panel (aka 'Artboard' or 'Ampersand') canvas board is also welcome.
- Surfaces require a total of 3 layers of 'acrylic white gesso'. With pre-gessoed surfaces, please add 2 more layers, allowing to dry between layers.

PAINT

It is recommended to use 'artist grade' vs. 'student grade' paint with medium or heavy body.

- Titanium White / Cadmium Yellow Light (or any bright yellow) / Yellow Ochre / Cadmium Red Light (or any bright red) / Alizarin Crimson (or Permanent Alizarin) / Ultramarine Blue (or Cobalt Blue) / Ivory Black / Burnt Umber (or Raw Umber)
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BRUSHES

Please bring whatever brushes you enjoy working with in a range of shapes and sizes. We recommend the following long-handled brushes:

- 2 Synthetic Flats or Filberts (any sizes between 4, 6 and 8)
- 2–3 Synthetic Rounds (any sizes between 6–8)

NOTE: 'Synthetic' hairs (aka Nylon) are best for smooth surfaces like wooden panel. 'Natural' hairs (hog bristle) are best for rough surfaces, like canvas or canvas board.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Graphite pencil (HB)
 - Pencil sharpener
 - Kneaded eraser
 - Small spray bottle for water (to keep your paint wet): Click [HERE](#)
 - Palette Knife: 'Liquitex' Small Painting Knife #5
 - Paper Towel: 'Scott's Shop Towels' (blue): Click [HERE](#)
 - Disposable Pie Plate: Aluminium pie dish to use as a cheap palette option
 - Disposable Palette: 'Richeson Grey Matters Paper Palettes' (16" x 12"): Click [HERE](#)
 - Sta-Wet Palette: 'Masterson Sta-Wet Premiere Palette' (16" x 12"): Click [HERE](#)
 - Recommended: Acrylic 'Retarder' to extend drying time
 - Painting can be messy, please bring suitable clothing
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OPTIONAL

- Gloves While Painting: Latex or 'Gorilla Grip' gloves (breathable + waterproof)
- Sketchbook: 8.5" x 11" or smaller for taking notes