



CONTEMPORARY
ATELIER

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
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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.
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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