CANVAS METHOD

CONTEMPORARY ATELIER

PORTRAIT PAINTING ESSENTIALS

INSTRUCTOR: STEVE WILLIAMS

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, masking tape, saran wrap, glass palette.

SURFACE

- 2 Surfaces: 8" x 10" or 11" x 14"
- Gessoed hardboard panel is preferred.
  Canvas board or stretched canvas are also welcome.
- All 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' oil paint. We recommend bringing oil paint, but acrylic is fine too.

- Titanium White / Cadmium Yellow Pale (or any bright yellow) / Yellow Ochre / Cadmium Red Medium / Alizarin Crimson (or Alizarin Permanent) / Raw Umber / Ultramarine Blue / Ivory Black

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MEDIUM

For Oil Painters: Linseed Oil + OMS *(Odourless Mineral Spirits)*

- Use *Gamblin's 'Gamsol'* only! Please do not bring other brands or turpentine
- Bring an extra glass jar + lid to store excess dirty OMS after class

For Acrylic Painters:

- Bring a small spray water bottle to keep your paint wet
- Acrylic *'Retarder'* to extend drying time

BRUSHES

Please bring whatever brushes you enjoy working with, in a range of shapes and sizes.

We recommend the following long-handled brushes:

- 4 Synthetic Flats: sizes 2 and 4 (2 of each)
- 1 Synthetic Filbert, Bright, or Flat: any size between 10 and 12
- 2 Synthetic Rounds: any sizes 0, 1 or 2

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Palette Knife: *'Liquitex'* Small Painting Knife #8
- Paper Towel: *'Scott's Shop Towels'* (blue): Click HERE
- Painting can be messy, please bring suitable clothing.

OPTIONAL

- Gloves While Painting: Latex or *'Gorilla Grip'* gloves *(breathable + waterproof)*
- Gloves for Brush Cleaning: Waterproof rubber gloves are recommended.
- Sketchbook 8.5" x 11" or smaller for taking notes
- Mahl stick