

Drawing Supply Suggestions

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I have had many former students write to me requesting information about what types of art supplies we used in class. I am sharing ideas below, and trying to suggest materials for someone who may be on a tight budget. Please see the separate link for painting supplies.

Basic Drawing Supplies:

A few **pencils** with different leads (H – B) means the lead is either ‘hard’ and unlikely to smear or ‘black’ and with higher numbers, more likely to smear. I’d suggest an HB, 2B and maybe a 6B. If you can, also get an Ebony (very dark and smudgy).

We do a lot of work on toned grounds from something as simple as a cut open paper bag to paper you pre-paint with **tempera paint**. If you like painting papers, you could pick up a few bottles of tempera, including magenta, turquoise and yellow.

Using **charcoal** on these toned surfaces often works well. We used charcoal pencils- a white and black (2B). You could instead by sticks of charcoal which probably are more affordable but are slightly more messy.

India ink with a **pen and different nibs** (or points) can be fun to draw with. Also, we have at times added a few drops of ink to a small amount of water to create a wash to cover a piece of paper; prior to the wash drying we’ve added salt to create a more distressed surface on which to draw.

You may want to buy a **heavy weight white paper** that can withstand water-based media if you want to use watercolor or ink.

If you want to work with color you might invest in a box of pastels (we used **Nupastels-24** box set), but they can be pricey.

Alternately, an inexpensive box of Crayola **watercolors** (I like the 16-color set) with one good quality brush (a synthetic sable – Round size 10 could last for years if you take good care of it).

If you like working with **colored pencils**, we used Prisma Colors, but warning: they add up fast. Maybe buy colors from a basic palette (see colors described on the oil painting supply list) to save money.

Lastly, you’ll need to consider a few basic tools like a white eraser, kneaded eraser, and a decent pencil sharpener. A good sketch book (or one you make) will come in handy, as might some larger drawing paper.