

OIL PAINTING FOR BEGINNERS

This materials list consists of mandatory items, as well as optional items. Any additional materials that you already have in your artist's toolkit are always welcome. Suggested brand names are '*italicized*'. While all materials can be found at *Opus Art Supplies*, similar products and brands from other stores are welcome.

WHAT WE PROVIDE

Easels, glass palettes, side tables, chairs & stools, containers for liquids, masking tape, and saran wrap.

PENCIL & ERASER

- Graphite pencil (*HB or 2B*), or any dark pencil crayon
 - '*Staedtler*' Mars Plastic Eraser
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PAINT

- Titanium White
- Yellow Ochre
- Cadmium Yellow Lemon (or Cad Yellow Pale or Bismuth Yellow)
- Cadmium Red Medium
- Ultramarine Blue
- Burnt Sienna
- Raw Umber
- Ivory Black

NOTE: It is recommended to use 'artist grade' vs. 'student grade' paint. Affordable brands include *Holbein*, *Gamblin*, *Winsor & Newton* (not *Winton*), *Opus Essentials*, or *Kama Oil paint* (*Rath Art Supplies*), as well as *Rembrandt* (*DeSerres*). More expensive brands are welcome.

MEDIUM

- *Gamblin's 'Gamsol'* Odourless Mineral Spirits (please don't bring other brands)
 - NOTE: Please do not bring turpentine/scented solvents.
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BRUSHES

- Bring a few long-handled brushes between sizes 2 and 8
 - Recommended: Synthetic Filberts (sizes 4, 6 and 8)
 - 1 Filbert, Bright or Flat (any size between 10 and 12)
 - A few synthetic Round (size 6 - 8)
 - In addition to this list, please bring sizes and shapes you're comfortable with
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SURFACE

- Bring two gessoed hardboard panels: any size between 8" x 10" to 11" x 14"
 - Note: you can bring canvas, however hardboard panel is preferred
 - SURFACE PREPARATION: All surfaces require a total of 3 layers of gesso. Surfaces with gesso already included, please add 2 more layers, allowing to dry between layers.
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PALETTE

A glass palette is provided, although you are welcome to bring your own.

PALETTE KNIFE

Any size, although we recommend the '*Liquitex*' Small Painting Knife #8.

PAPER TOWELS & RAGS

- Bring one roll of ‘*Scott’s Shop Towels*’ (*blue*).

Found at any commercial painting and lumber stores.

* [link to material](#) (click to open)

SKETCHBOOK

- Any size (a small one is fine): used for taking notes and doing various
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homework exercises

GLOVES (optional)

- [While Painting](#): Latex or ‘*Guerilla Grip*’ gloves (breathable + waterproof)
 - [Brush Cleaning](#): Waterproof rubber gloves are strongly recommended.
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CLOTHING

- Painting can be messy, please bring suitable clothing.
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