

Introduction to Acrylic Painting Materials List

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Brushes:

It is good to have a variety of brushes of different shapes and sizes. Sets of brushes often provide variety; however, avoid the very inexpensive hobby brushes as they wear out quickly and easily breakdown. Brush sizes are listed by each manufacturer- they are not standard; however, size numbers can be similar.

Synthetic Bristle brushes feel soft and hold water for fluid/smooth strokes.

Hog Hair Bristle brushes feel like straw, are denser, and hold thicker, less diluted paint.

Some brushes to include in your art kit are:

Round Brushes:

- Medium Synthetic #4-6
- Fine Synthetic #0-2
- Very fine Synthetic 3X0 (003)

Flat Brushes:

- Medium to large Hog Hair bristle 1”- 2” width
- Small Hog Hair bristle ½” width
- Small Synthetic ½” width

Filbert Brushes:

- Medium to large hog hair bristle ¾ width
- Small synthetic ½” width



Paint:

Liquitex Basics brand is a good student brand in 118 ml tubes and cost approximately \$8. Colours remain vibrant and they mix well. Tubes are easier to use than tubs. A good choice for this course.

Deserres, Liquitex and Golden are also good brands. They are often sold in smaller aluminum tubes approximately 59 ml as “Artist Quality” paint; this means the pigment (colour) in the paint is natural, richer, more steadfast and a little thicker. Artist quality paint is often more expensive.

There are three thicknesses available:

- Regular or original thickness has the viscosity of light mayonnaise. Easy to paint with. A good choice for this course.
- “Heavy Body” paint has a thickener in it. Some people like the extra opacity whereas others find it “gummy” and a little difficult to work with.
- “Soft Body” paint is thin and more liquid. It is too thin for this course.

Starting Colours:

1. Titanium White- because this is used often, you may want 2 tubes or a large tube.
2. Cadmium Yellow Light
3. Cadmium Red Medium
4. Alizarin Crimson
5. Phthalocyanine Blue
6. Ultramarine Blue
7. Burnt Sienna
8. Burnt Umber
9. Mars Black

Additional colours for a more sophisticated pallet you may want to eventually add:

1. Yellow Ochre
2. Quinacridone Magenta
3. Cerulean Blue
4. Hookers Green Hue Permanent or Sap Green
5. Deep Violet

Artist Kit Materials:

- Canvas Boards or Canvases (canvas paper pads can also be used).
- Plastic palette knife (s): at least one small diamond shape with a bent neck.
- Flat plastic or glass palette 10" x 12 or larger. (Alternative: Palette paper pad [10" x 12" or larger] and masonite board).
- A roll of masking tape.
- Spray bottle to keep your paint wet.
- 2 Rags/Paper Towel or something on which to wipe you palette knife and brushes.
- Apron or smock to protect clothing.
- Drawing pencils HB, 2B, 4B, eraser and sharpener.

Stores in Halifax that sell painting supplies include:

NSCAD Art Supply Store

Granville Mall, Lower Level

1874 Hollis Street

902- 494-8176

Open Monday to Saturday 9am-5pm

Deserres Art Supply Store on Barrington St. and **Michaels** in Bayers Lake