

ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASS MATERIALS LIST

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Class Materials List

Cost effective alternatives underlined.

1. Stay-Wet Palette - Plastic palette to hold the paint and it is air tight to help keep Acrylic paints wet longer. Alternative: You can use an airtight tupperware container for this, add damp sponges and place a piece of clear acrylic on the damp sponges.
2. Enamel butcher tray or Disposable Paper Palette for mixing. Alternative: any white plate or plastic shallow dish.
3. Brushes – Buy decent brushes (cheap ones lose hairs and you will endlessly be picking them out of your painting). You can make many different marks with just one brush. Buy three brushes- one small flat, one larger flat and one liner.
4. Paint Colors – small tube – Cadmium Yellow Light, Cadmium Red Medium, Alizarin Crimson, Ultramarine Blue, Prussian Blue, Viridian Green, Burnt Sienna, Burnt Umber, Titanium White, and Paynes Gray. My favorite brand is Golden Acrylics. Alternative: Buy a small basic starter set (you will likely still need to find Paynes Gray). Note: If you are new to acrylic painting, please **do not** buy Fluid Acrylics or Open Acrylics. Pro Tip: Buy the best paint you can afford. The better quality paint you buy, the less you will use because the pigment will be stronger and have more body.
5. Apron. An old oversized shirt will also work just as well
6. Canvas (stretched) or Canvas Pad. Pro Tip: Steer clear of Canvas Paper Pads as they tend to warp and waffle with the addition of water. So, if you are getting a pad of Canvas make sure that it is actual canvas and not paper.
7. Sketchbook – This is for planning paintings, practicing brush marks and sketching. Alternative: This can be anything from index cards, printer paper or sketchbook. The important thing is that you draw every single day and train your eye to look.
8. Pencil – whatever you have will work.
9. Paper towels, tissues or Towel
10. Water Container