

Painting with Botanicals

Material List

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Bring to the first class: Your paints, brushes, mediums, supplies and three small grounds.

The three small grounds (8x10 or 11x14) will be used to create a triptych.

Oil and acrylic painters If you have time, tone the grounds in advance, three slightly different colors: (1) light value, yellow-tinted gray, (2) slightly darker burnt umber-tinted gray, (3) light blue-tinted gray. Toning means coloring your ground from edge to edge. **Bring the grounds dry to the touch**, ok to use acrylic paint, even if painting with oils later. Do not worry if you do not have time to do this.

Watercolor and pastel, do not do this.

Explanation of grounds:

- Canvas on a stretcher
- As an alternative, **heavy** paper that has a dry, layer of gesso applied to it. Thin papers, not prepared, will not work. If you use this ground, bring a board to tape the paper to in order to paint on an easel and tape to tape the ground to the board.
- Canvas boards are cheap and readily available, ok for small sizes.

You will need 3-5 grounds (depending on your painting speed) for the whole course. Maximum as below:

- (3) 8x10 or 11x14 (see first paragraph)
- (2) larger sizes (11x14, 16x20 or 18x24)

Below is a basic list for oil or acrylic painters:

1. **Brushes**— a range sizes. Buy **2 small detail brushes one round and one flat, A “striper” (3/4” long and skinny brush) is also good.** In addition, 3/8”, 1/2 and 3/4” flats. More brushes are up to you, but helpful.
2. **Paints** – Acrylics or oils at least 6 colors (Include white and black). Ok to bring more than one kind of paint. (If you would like a list of colors see below)
3. **Oil painters only:** Gamsol (solvent) made by Gamlin. 32 oz)
4. **Please buy Gamsol only - NO TURPENTINE, TURPENOID OR MINERAL SPIRITS. I am sensitive to solvents, so please do not bring mediums that have solvents other than Gamsol in them.No turpentine, Turpenoid or mineral spirits.**
5. 8 oz **Medium** for Acrylic or Oil paint
 - i. For Acrylic paint - acrylic matt medium
 - ii. For oil paint - buy Gamblin Galkyd Light (or other oil medium with a drying agent in it) (for oil painters only)
6. **For a palette: Palette paper or use freezer paper from Price Chopper**
7. **Painting clothes.** Please wear clothes that can get paint on them.
8. **Paper towel,** your own roll.

Oil or Acrylic Paint Colors. If you are on a budget, it is OK to buy paint sets and supplement with a large tube of white. Ocean State Job Lot in Valatie sells kits for \$5.00 (buy two kits plus a large tube of white to start) Michaels and Walmart also sell inexpensive paint sets.

Alternatively, I recommend the following for a rich set of choices:

- Burnt Umber
- Burnt Sienna
- Yellow Ocher
- Cadmium Yellow Light
- Cadmium Yellow Medium
- Cadmium Red Medium
- Cadmium Red Light
- Ultramarine Blue
- Chromium Oxide Green
- Sap Green (or Cadmium Green Medium)
- Alizarin Crimson
- Magenta or purple
- Mars Black
- **Buy larger tube of:** Titanium White