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RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES FOR BEGINNERS IN OILS

These suggestions are available from brick and mortar stores such as Blick Art Materials, Binders, and some from Michaels. Items at the top of the list are most often unfamiliar to students new to my classes. Feel free to start with materials you already own, and I can fill-in the gaps during the first class.

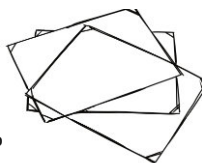
Product and description

More information

Masterson's Plastic Palette Holder



This palette holder seals tight and keeps your palette's paints wet a bit longer while protecting from potential messes during transport. It holds a 16 x 12 piece of glass or paper palette for oil painting. To minimize waste, use glass. To keep your palette lighter, use the palette paper pad.



Pre-cut 12 x 16 in.
Glass Palette

There is often a version of this palette holder that comes with a flat yellow 12 x 16 sponge and paper palettes. These are for acrylics and not oils, so look for the plain version if you don't use acrylics.

Some retailers sell strong glass palettes with rounded edges pre-stained with a gray color. The 12 x 16 inch size fits perfectly within this palette holder.

Gamblin Gamsol Odorless Mineral Spirits (4.2 oz. Bottle)



Stainless-Steel Air-Tight Paint Solvent Jar
(Not included, but recommended for mineral spirits)



Holds 310ml of fluid-about 10oz.
Diameter size of about 3" and a height of about 3-5/8"

This brand of mineral spirits is high-quality and totally odorless. Mineral spirits can be kept and recycled for a long time. Pouring a small amount in a baby food jar will work for small painting projects. This small bottle should be fine for several months if you paint small paintings.

Use it primarily to thin paint in the starting drawing/blocking-in stage of painting. If you plan to paint 24 x 30 inches or larger, a stainless steel jar will keep your work better to clean larger brushes.

Starting fresh or brand new to oil painting?

Utrecht Studio Series Oil Paints and Set



A well-rounded palette of eight essential colors for mastering color mixing and exploring all painting styles in 37 ml tubes.



150ml
tube
white



37ml
tubes

Often, these colors are sold in sets to save money. Gamblin and Utrecht both make paint with qualities I like, but there are many other very good brands.

Titanium White
Cadmium Yellow Hue
Yellow Ochre
Cadmium Red Hue

Perm. Alizarin Crimson
Ultramarine Blue
Sap Green Hue
Ivory Black

You'll always use more white than any other color. Titanium is the most opaque and best for general use. If you often paint larger than 16 x 20, you'll need a larger tube of 150-200 ml.

A tube of Cerulean Blue Hue, and Viridian Green will balance-out the spectrum of colors in the Utrecht set here. 37ml size is adequate.



Canvas and/or Oil Paper pads

Fletcher usually has a good quality canvas. Arches makes the oil paper pads if you want to try a different surface

12 X 16 is a good size

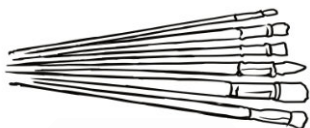
Utrecht Artists' Acrylic Sizing



This sizing can be used to prime heavy weight paper, which can be mounted to board and framed.

Rather than buying several stretched canvases or boards, this pad will allow you to save space and keep your first exercise paintings together. If you want to frame a painting, you can mount it to a thin piece of plywood with clear gesso or acrylic gel medium. A paper version of this pad will also work. If you use watercolor paper, you can size the paper with this primer.

Princeton Real Value Series 9148 Combination Brush Set



Brush preferences vary from person to person just like one's favorite pen. Princeton makes a "Real Value" variety pack which includes the following, and serves as a good "starter pack:"

#2 sable round
#4 Taklon (synthetic) Flat

#6 Natural round bristle
#4 Taklon Filbert

#8 Bristle Bright
#12 Bristle Filbert

Blick Palette Knives and Sets by RGM

Style 50, 33, 10, 5, or 22 (If you plan to paint large, the 33 or larger is great!)



Excel Blades Hand-held
Scraper with blades



You'll also need a metal (not plastic) diamond-head palette knife.

If you end up using a glass palette, a razor scraper will be useful for scraping up dried paint.