

Supplies List for Botanical Illustration Class Observing and Drawing Plants

The following list is generally what artists use for botanical drawing. You do not need all the materials on the first day of class. The instructor will have extra materials for experimentation. You will want your own pencil sets, erasers, pencil sharpening tools and the suggested papers for the first class if possible. Don't worry if you don't have all of the materials because the studio will provide extras. Acrylic paints will be provided as needed by the instructor.

Drawing Tools

- Pencils: Faber-Castell 9000 Pencil Set - Drawing Design Set of Twelve Pencils or something similar with a range of pencil hardness including HB and H pencils.
- Kneaded eraser
- Plastic eraser (Staedlar is a good one)
- Exacto knife or retractable knife and blades
- Sandpaper block or emory boards

Paper

- Spiral bound watercolor pad - 11x15 - 15 sheets, 140 lb
- Spiral bound drawing pad - 9x12 or 10x14
- Tracing paper -- pad or roll

Colored Pencils

- Prismacolor Premier Colored Pencils - set of 24 OR Botanical Colors Set of 12
- Colorless pencil blender (Prismacolor brand if available)

Pen

- A fine-point technical pen 0.3-0.5 size -- any type

Helpful items to use at home with further interest but not required in class time:

Mechanical pencils: 0.3 with 2H and HB leads (not required but useful for fine details)

Masking tape

Magnifying glass or small field hand lens

Drawing board

Rulers, metal and plastic

Divider tool for checking distances on points on subject

Websites: www.dickblick.com, www.cheapjoes.com, www.jerrysartarama.com.

Stores: *Dick Blick*, Dearborn and Detroit. *Michaels*, Ann Arbor. *Scrapbox* on Washtenaw has a lot of gently used art supplies including colored pencils. Also, *Hollanders* has a closing sale starting in March 2020.