

Beginning Painting

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This class is designed for those who have little or no acrylic painting experience. Our first class will work with getting acquainted with the medium, painting techniques, and working with color (values, intensity, mixing, schemes). We will follow with techniques to create volume and texture. Subject matter may include fruits and veggies, flowers, animals and landscape.

Supplies

These can be purchased in person or online at Blick Art Supplies (Dearborn and Royal Oak), Amazon or other online art supply sites, and locally at Michaels (use coupons).

Paint

I recommend Liquitex Basic or Blick Studio Acrylic. There are more expensive brands, but for a beginner, these are nice and less expensive. I would not go cheaper than these (No Artist Loft or craft paint). There are beginner sets which contain black, white and the primary colors (red, yellow and blue), which are fine. If bought separately, these are what I recommend:

RED: either Cadmium Red OR Primary Red

BLUE: either Ultramarine, Cobalt OR Primary Blue

YELLOW: Cadmium Yellow OR Primary Yellow

Titanium White

Burnt umber

Other Colors to consider:

Yellow Ochre

Cerulean Blue

Hooker's Green

Alizarine Crimson

Burnt Sienna

Brushes (make sure you get Acrylic brushes)

I suggest Liquitex Basic or Blick Scholastic Wonder White as good quality student brushes. There are many more brands out there as well. The numbering system on the brushes isn't universal, so it's tricky to suggest a specific size (Blick runs smaller than Liquitex, for example).

Flat brush- if getting just one, then about ½” width is what I’d suggest. If you can get more, get one a bit smaller (1/4”) and one larger than ½”.

Round brush – Size 6 (if Liquitex basic), size 8 (if Blick SWW). Feel free to pick out a second of whatever size looks good!

There are other styles... angular, brights, etc. feel free to try any that look interesting.

Paper and Canvas

Sketchbook (any size or type,.. one you have already would be great)

9 X 12 pad of Bristol paper

2 canvas boards, approximately 9” X 12”, 11” X 14” or 14”x 17”.... However ambitious you are

Other Supplies

Large water container

Palette (paper plate or an old dinner plate would work fine until you decide what type you would like). I will talk about options during the first class.

Palette knife (optional)