

## List of Materials for Painting in Pastels

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- Soft Pastels: at least a set of 30. Can be ½ sticks. Faber-Castell has a 72 piece ½ stick soft pastel set for \$60 at Michael's (\$29 at Dick Blick). If you use a coupon for 40-50% off, they are very reasonable. They will take competitors' coupons as well. Rembrandt is the Artist's Grade brand most available locally. Art Spectrum is another good medium soft pastel. Try to avoid Alphacolor or other brands with low pigment. They will look chalkier. You may also purchase individual sticks.
- Vine charcoal, thin to medium sticks
- Kneaded eraser and pencil for sketches
- Sketchbook for value studies
- Drawing board (piece of foam core is fine)
- Clips or artists' tape
- Wax paper or glassine
- Stiff paint brush for removing pastel from your painting surface. ¼" is a good size. Don't buy one, just use an old one.
- Paper towels and an old hand towel or rag.
- Viewfinder (can make one from two L shaped pieces of card or mat board)
- Easel if you would like to work on one. There are usually some tabletop easels available in the classroom
- Gloves or oil-free barrier hand cream if you wish
- Paper stump or tortillon
- Pad of pastel/charcoal paper, 11x14 or larger. Strathmore, Fabriano Tiziano and Canson are a few names. Strathmore has less of a honeycomb texture than Canson. Look at the textures to decide what you might like to work on. Try to get a pad with a mix of soft tones. If you wish instead to try individual sheets, we can discuss it during the first class. You may want to explore different surfaces as the class progresses and can purchase individual sheets.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call me or e-mail me. Bring any pastels you have with you to the first class.

You can expect to pay \$50 or more for supplies, depending on what you already have. This is just a guess-timate so you have an idea about the costs. Prices tend to vary quite a bit.

Supplies are available at Berry's in Oakland and Michael's in Augusta. There is also the Artists and Craftsman Supply in Portland. I am also including a catalog/internet company that I purchase from:

Dick Blick  
1-800-828-4548  
[www.dickblick.com](http://www.dickblick.com)

Also items may be available at Amazon.com. Check prices to make sure you are getting the lowest.