

## Beginning Painting: Acrylics - Recommended Supplies List

- 9"x 12" Canvas paper pad (Strathmore brand is my go to) - for color wheels, color mapping, small studies, and exercises
- Three (11"x 14") canvases
  - ❑ Flat canvas boards work well if you are looking to put your paintings in decorative frames. Stretched canvases over wooden frames are great for hanging directly on the wall without needing to add your own hanging mechanism
- Acrylic paint in: primary colors (red, cobalt blue, yellow), plus black and white
  - ❑ I do not recommend the brand "Apple Barrel" as I have experienced cracking in the past.
  - ❑ "Master's Touch" is my favorite brand to use, and the brand "Basics" is also another good option
- Brush set
  - ❑ 3/4 flat wash brush - for large surface coverage when painting backgrounds and doing washes
  - ❑ 10 filbert
  - ❑ 8 round
  - ❑ 1/2 flat comb
  - ❑ 1/2 angle
  - ❑ 2 liner - for fine details and line work
  - ❑ You are welcome to get as many sizes as you wish, I recommend a large flat brush, a medium flat brush, small round brush, and a fine detailing brush at minimum

There are a lot of great brush variety packets you can find in general stores for super affordable prices. I find the synthetic nylon brushes with the soft bristles work really well. Be careful to not buy cheap brushes though as they tend to shed into your painting making the process much less enjoyable!
- Jar or plastic cup for water to clean your brushes
- Paper towels or an old hand towel you do not mind staining to dry your brushes
- Pencils - Preferably #2 or softer so your sketches do not show through the paint
- Writing mechanism (pencil or pen) for note taking
  - ❑ Eraser- Kneaded erasers work great for being gentle and preventing erase marks, they also do not shed (Prismacolor makes great ones).
- 10 sheets of paper or a sketch pad for sketching and planning out your compositions/ note taking
- Plastic paint palette or paper plates- Plastic paint palettes are better for reusing and provide a larger surface area for mixing your colors, but I enjoy both
- Palette knife - for mixing paint thoroughly
  - ❑ Mixing your paint with brushes is not recommended. The brush hairs prevent colors from mixing entirely and can cause a marble effect upon application. Palettes also help you use less paint while mixing because they do not absorb any material
- Liquitex Slow-Dri fluid - Acrylic paint dries incredibly fast making blending a bit more of a challenge. This additive medium helps increase the fluidity of the paint while slowing down the drying time for smoother blending (if you wish)

1" Blue painters tape for securing your canvas paper to a surface (highly optional)