

# ACRYLIC PAINTING FOR BEGINNERS

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While all materials can be found at *Opus Art Supplies*, similar products and brands from other stores are welcome. Suggested brand names are *'italicized'*. Additional materials are also welcome.

## WHAT WE PROVIDE

- Easels, side tables, chairs & stools, containers for liquids, masking tape, saran wrap

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## SURFACE

- 2 surfaces: any size between 9" x 12" and 12" x 16" (*bring one surface to 1st class*)
- Stretched canvas or gessoed hardboard panel (*aka 'Artboard' or 'Ampersand'*) canvas board is also welcome.
- Surfaces require a total of 3 layers of 'acrylic white gesso'. With pre-gessoed surfaces, please add 2 more layers, allowing to dry between layers.

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## PAINT

It is recommended to use 'artist grade' vs. 'student grade' paint with medium or heavy body.

- Titanium White / Cadmium Yellow Light (*or any bright yellow*) / Yellow Ochre / Cadmium Red Light (*or any bright red*) / Alizarin Crimson (*or Permanent Alizarin*) / Ultramarine Blue (*or Cobalt Blue*) / Ivory Black / Burnt Umber (*or Raw Umber*)
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## BRUSHES

Please bring whatever brushes you enjoy working with in a range of shapes and sizes. We recommend the following long-handled brushes:

- 2 Synthetic Flats or Filberts (*any sizes between 4, 6 and 8*)
- 2–3 Synthetic Rounds (*any sizes between 6–8*)

NOTE: 'Synthetic' hairs (*aka Nylon*) are best for smooth surfaces like wooden panel. 'Natural' hairs (*hog bristle*) are best for rough surfaces, like canvas or canvas board.

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## ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Graphite pencil (*HB*)
  - Pencil sharpener
  - Kneaded eraser
  - Small spray bottle for water (*to keep your paint wet*): Click [HERE](#)
  - Palette Knife: 'Liquitex' Small Painting Knife #5
  - Paper Towel: 'Scott's Shop Towels' (*blue*): Click [HERE](#)
  - Disposable Palette: 'Richeson Grey Matters Paper Palettes' (*16" x 12"*): Click [HERE](#)
  - Recommended: 'Masterson Sta-Wet Premiere Palette' (*16" x 12"*): Click [HERE](#)
  - Recommended: Acrylic '*Retarder*' to extend drying time
  - Painting can be messy, please bring suitable clothing
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## OPTIONAL

- Gloves While Painting: Latex or '*Gorilla Grip*' gloves (*breathable + waterproof*)
- Gloves for Brush Cleaning: Waterproof rubber gloves are recommended.
- Sketchbook 8.5" x 11" or smaller for taking notes