

Feel free to bring any supplies you already have to class (pencils, pens, paper.) We'll talk more about supplies at the first class. If you're buying new supplies, here is a list of the items I suggest. Don't worry if you can't find all of these things – I'll always have extra stuff you can use. Feel free to e-mail me if you have any questions.

- Drawing board** large enough for 18" x 24" paper. I like the Masonite ones with a built-in handle-hole and metal clips. (A drawing board is optional, but I recommend one because it gives you a smooth surface and allows you to work at an angle instead of flat on the table.)
- Pad of Strathmore 400 Series **Drawing Paper**, 14" x 17" or larger. (If you can't find the 400 Series, the 300 Series will be OK.)
- If you'd like to buy a **kit** of assorted drawing supplies, I suggest General's "Drawing Class Essential Tools Kit". Or just buy the individual items listed below.
- Drawing pencil:** Prismacolor Ebony #14420 Jet Black Extra Smooth. Or any 6B drawing pencil. (Office Depot carries Prismacolor Ebony pencils)
- Black **Sharpie Permanent Markers:** one Fine Point and one Ultra Fine Point
- A few sticks of vine or willow **charcoal**, soft or medium (not compressed charcoal)
- A stick of **white pastel** (the chalk kind, not oil pastel)
- One **charcoal pencil**, soft or extra-soft. I like General's #557-6B extra-soft.
- One **white charcoal pencil** (optional.) I like General's #558 Charcoal White.
- Tortillons**, also known as stumps or stomps for blending (optional). One each small, medium and large (or whatever size you can find.)
- One **sandpaper block** (optional) for sharpening tortillons and shaping pencil points
- One **white vinyl eraser** and one **kneaded eraser**
- Hand-held pencil **sharpener**
- Tote bag** or **tool box** -- something to carry all this stuff in! You can carry your large pad of drawing paper clipped to your drawing board.

Local art stores

Hobby Lobby, Antioch
Michaels, Brentwood

Check their ads for coupons. Hobby Lobby always has a 40% off one item coupon in their weekly ad.

Online suppliers

Dick Blick www.dickblick.com
Jerry's Artarama www.jerrysartarama.com
Cheap Joe's Art Stuff www.cheapjoes.com

Check their home pages for deals, sign up for their e-mails to hear about special offers. I especially like Blick and Jerry's. They almost always have some kind of discount deal available.