

Materials List for Drawing the Figure from Life in Charcoal and Pastel

Charcoal

Vine Charcoal ~ Brand: Coates willow charcoal / medium sticks **Alternate Choice:** Nitram Hard (blue) , HB (orange) Soft B (green) Extra Soft (yellow) www.nitramcharcoal.com (all art ateliers in US use Nitram charcoal, for figure drawing. (Superior quality. Highly recommend)

Charcoal Pencils ~ Brand: Generals Lead of pencils in Hard, Medium, Soft and Extra Soft. 2 of each.

Kneaded Eraser ~ Brand: Generals

Plastic Eraser ~ Factis extra soft

Eraser Pencil ~ Brand: Staedtler Mars Plastic refillable **Alternative choice:** Sanford non-abrasive non-smudging vinyl for erasing drafting film

Sandpaper block ~ Brand : Generals **Alternative choice: Nitram** Sanding Block Paddle / refillable www.nitramcharcoal.com (for sharpening charcoal pencils)

Measuring Stick ~ Brand: kabob skewer, available in any grocery store the thinnest wooden or bamboo skewer that you can find.

Artist Tape ~ Brand: Artist Tape / white

Matt Knife or Box Cutter ~ Brand: any brand / available at hardware store ~ Home Depot or Lowe's

Drawing Board ~ Brand: any brand / available at art supply store or hardware store (masonite or piece of 1/2 inch birch plywood, sized to at least 20 x 28 inches) Home Depot or Lowe's

Note: Blick has a 20 x 26 inches and a 23 x 31 inches wooden drawing board These boards are very good. www.dickblick.com

Drawing Paper ~ Brand: Canson Mi-Tientes Drawing Paper Size: 19 x 25 inches Shade: White 8 to 10 sheets

Alternate Choice: Fabriano Tiziano Drawing Paper Shades: White 8 to 10 sheets www.dickblick.com

Sketchbook/ Drawing paper ~ Brands: Strathmore Drawing Paper or Canson XL Mixed Media (Please do not bring Newsprint)

Tracing Paper ~ Brand: Biefang Parchment 100 fine Tracing paper or any other brand / available at Art supply store Please buy a pad of tracing paper

Note: tracing paper should be large enough to fit over your drawing paper.

Chamois: Brand: Generals / found at most Art Supply stores

Workable Spray Fixative ~ Brand: Blair Very Low Odor Fixative

Wet Ones ~ any brand

Paper Towels ~ **Brand:** Viva

Bristle Brushes ~ **Brands:** any inexpensive brand will do but the hair of the brush should be bristle, not nylon. An Assortment of sizes in Rounds or Filberts. 4, 6, 8 & 10

Pastel

Soft / Medium Pastel Portrait Sets ~ **Brands:** Rembrandt Set of 30 Portrait Full Stick, (a medium/soft pastel) **Alternative Choices:** Sennelier Portrait Set of 24, Jack Richeson HR 40 Portrait Value 1-4 & HR20 Value 6-8

Terry Ludwig 30 Portrait and Blue Earth 21 Portrait & Figure

www.dakotapastels.com

Pastel Pencils ~ **Brands: 3 choices** Caran d’Ache 20 Assorted Pencils, Creta Color 24 Assorted Pencils or Conte Pencil 24 Assorted

Note: If you already have some Pastel pencils, bring them. Make sure you have an assortment of Reds yellows, ochres, blues, greens, blue greens, blue greys, violet greys, grey greens, umbers, siennas, white and black

Hard Pastels ~ **Brand:** Nupastel 24 Assortment **Alternative Choice:** Caran d’Ache individual sticks **Note:** See shades for Pastel pencils. **Note:** hard pastels can be sharpened to a point and used for detail.

Pastel Paper ~ **Brands:** Canson Mi-Tientes Drawing Paper Shades: White (see charcoal paper supply list above) Flannel Grey 1-2 sheets **Alternate Choice:** Fabriano Tiziano Shade: White (see charcoal paper supply list above) Felt Gray Light 1 - 2 sheets

Sanded Pastel Paper ~ **Brands:** Art Premium Sanded Pastel Paper Shade: Natural 600 to 800 Grade 1-2 sheets **Alternate Choice:** Canson Mi-Tientes Touch Shade: White 1-2 sheets, Flannel Grey 1-2 sheets

Heavy weight Illustration Board ~ **Brand:** Crescent No. 100 Cold Press 24 ply (size choices: 11 x 14 or larger) **Alternate Choice:** Strathmore 500 Series Illustration Board heavy weight vellum 20 ply 20 x 30 inches **Note:** We will be using the

Illustration board as a support for the pastel primer. The 20 x 30 inch board can easily cut this down into 2 boards.

Blending Stumps / Pastel Tools ~ **Brands:** Color Shaper or tortilla’s

Sponge Brush: **Brand:** any / found at hardware or art supply stores (we will use this tool to apply the pastel primer)

Flat Smooth Palette Knives ~ **Brand:** any / found at art supply stores (optional) This tool is good for pressing pastel into the surface of the paper.

Razor Blade ~ Brand: any brand ~ art supply, drugstore or hardware store (use to make corrections to your drawing & for sharpening pastels)

Kneaded Eraser ~ (see charcoal supply list above) use to make corrections to your drawing

Matt Knife or Box Cutter ~ Brand: any brand / available at hardware store ~ Home Depot or Lowe's

Cotton Gloves ~ Brand: the kind you find in a drugstore (optional) Note: keeps your hands clean

Hand Protection ~ Brand: Gloves in a Bottle (optional) It will protect your hands from the pastel

Rags ~ Clean white rags Note: old tee shirt fabric works great

Clean Glass Jar w/ a twist on lid ~ Brand: any clean small empty glass jar with a secure screw top lid

Bristle Brushes ~ Brands: any / found in art supply stores (please bring a variety of sizes. See charcoal supply list above)

Small Bottle of Ethyl Alcohol ~ Brand: any / found in most drugstores.

Pastel Holders ~ Brand: any / Pastel holders will hold a pastel stick firmly. You can find them with the drawing supplies in most art supply stores. They elongate the pastel stick for easier handling it and keep your hands clean. (optional)

Note: Please go to Artisans of Santa Fe in ABQ to purchase your art supplies.

3017 Monte Vista Blvd. NE ABQ, NM 87106. They will give you a student discount if you show your ID or registration for this class. I am working with them to have supplies from this list available to you, to purchase. You can also buy some supplies online at: Dakota Art Pastels at www.dakotapastels.com and at www.dickblick.com . Last semester I got us a student discount at Dakota Art Pastels. I am in the process of confirming us a discount again. Will clarify in the coming days.