

MATERIALS LIST FOR PLEIN AIRE

FOR EVERYONE

Many of the items I have listed below are available through the online Dick Blick store or Jerry's Artorama (Blick is primarily where I purchase my materials) or there are several other artist websites you may use. Michaels is a great place to buy good quality and inexpensive canvases. I do not recommend that you purchase your pigments there. If you do not want to order your pigments online then I recommend Artisans.

I will be demonstrating using oils but I have listed materials for acrylics, pastels and watercolors as well as oils.

For your health and comfort

A hat
Some sunscreen
Bug repellent
Water
A snack
Folding chair
A small sketchbook, pencils and sharpener

Materials List for Oils and Acrylics

Palette

A palette. You may purchase a piece of plexiglass (recommended for oils) or use a disposable palette paper pad (best for acrylics and can also be used with oils).

Oil Pigments I use Rembrandt brand oils but you may use student grade oils. Liquitex is the brand I recommend for acrylics.

*Means this color is optional

*Titanium white -150 ml tube (for all other hues you will need a small 40 ml tube)

Cadmium Yellow Lemon

Cadmium Yellow Medium

Indian Yellow

Cadmium Red Medium

Alizarin Crimson

Cerulean Blue

Ultramarine Blue

Phthalo Blue

Black

Painting Medium for Oils

Liquin original and some small plastic cups (I use small yogurt cups)

Solvent for Oils

Gamsol

You will need several cans and a container with a lid (I recycle a lot of items found in my kitchen)

Painting Mediums for Acrylics

Water

You might also like to get some Retarder to stop paints from drying super fast

Brushes

One or two size 4 Filberts

One size 6 Filbert

One size 2 Filbert

One or two size 4 Flats

Optional – One size 6 Flat

Palette Knife – either a size 33 or a size 31

Supports

Two or three 11" x 14" canvases (recommended) or canvas panels

Two 16" x 20" canvases or canvas panels

If you would like to paint larger some sizes I like are 18" x 24", 20" x 20" and 24" x 24"

Miscellaneous

A roll of Scott Shop Original Paper towels

A glass scraper (you can purchase these items at any hardware store)

A box of Medical Exam Gloves (can be purchased at Walgreens or CVS)

Several #2 pencils (available at Artisans or Dick Blick)

Plastic bags for trash

About your easel

I use a Julian brand French easel. They are very inexpensive (around \$100) but there are many types of plein aire easels. If you don't already have an easel google plein aire easels and shop around. The Julian easel comes with a small wooden palette. I replaced that with a piece of plexiglass. However, I like a larger palette so I bring a piece of 16" x 20" Lexann (a stronger type of plexiglass) and a stool for my palette. This is bulky and restricts me from going a really long distance from my car although you would be surprised how far I will go with my set -ups – just need to make several trips but if the view is worth it, gotta go there.

Materials for Pastels and Watercolors

For pastels and watercolors you will need a flat surface to work on. When I was using these mediums I placed a drawing board on a stool for my paper and had a TV tray for my pigments. I also worked standing so if you plan to sit you might want to have a different setup.

Watercolors

You will want a variety of soft brushes, both some flats and some rounds. A heavy rough watercolor paper is recommended. It does not need to be as heavy as 400 lb but something around 200 lb. Pan watercolors are fine and Artisans has several to choose from. If you want to use tube watercolors you will need a watercolor palette. You will also need paper towels, tape, a jar for your water and a large container of water so that you can refresh your water frequently.

Pastels

My suggestion if you have not done pastel before is to go to Artisans and get an associate to help you choose a variety of stick pastels. I used to use Canson paper when I did pastels but you are free to try some of the sanded papers which will catch the pastel better. Also it is good to have a piece of regular sandpaper to clean your pastels on. Paper towels are also needed.