

Materials list – The Magic of Color

Drawing & Painting Botanicals

with wax-based permanent (non-soluble) traditional Colored Pencils

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There are many different brands of colored pencils on the market. I recommend materials of artists' quality, which are a pleasure to use and create lasting works. Artist/Professional-grade colored pencils have a high percentage of pigments and better quality binders & waxes. Therefore, do yourself a favor and buy the best materials you can afford!

Graphite pencils:

. 3 good quality graphite pencils – HB, 2H and 2B (I recommend Tombow Mono, Faber Castell 9000 or Staedtler)

Colored pencils:

1. A set of Prismacolor Premier – Botanical Garden Set and supplement with the following: black grape, grayed lavender, true blue, process red.

To complete your starter palette, I also recommend the following colors: nectar, jade green, sand, dark green, Tuscan red & indigo blue

2. Prismacolor Verithin pencils, minimum set of 12 (also available as open-stock. When purchasing individual pencils try to coordinate the colors with the hues in your basic set)

Blenders:

Colorless blender(s): Lyra Rembrandt – Splender **and** Prismacolor Premier colorless blender
(I recommend to buy both, because each one gives a different result)

Sharpener:

Preferably a portable battery-operated sharpener with a spiral (aka helical) blade.

Papers:

- . A pad (15-sheets) of Legion Stonehenge, white, min. size 9" x 12", bright green cover (if it is old stock, the cover is different, make sure that it says that the paper within has a vellum surface)
- . A pad of Strathmore 400 Series, Colored Pencil Paper, min. size 9" x 12"
- . A pad of Sketch paper, minimum size 9" x 12" (Strathmore 300 Series is an acid-free, lightweight [50lb.] good sketch paper for classroom experimentation, practice of techniques and quick studies)
- . A pad of Tracing paper, minimum size 9" x 12" (Strathmore 300 tracing)

Erasers:

- . Plastic/vinyl eraser (the white Faber Castell dust free eraser is a good one)
- . Kneaded eraser
- . Tombow Mono-Zero pen-style-eraser, round, 2.3 mm (optional)

Miscellaneous:

- . Notebook
- . Proportional Dividers (optional)
- . Ruler, preferably a metal, cork-backed ruler, that is at least 12" long
- . Westcott C-Thru plastic ruler 6"
- . Magnifying glass
- . Eraser shield
- . Color wheel (preferably the Water Color Wheel)