

Materials list – Intro to Botanical Drawing

Drawing and Painting Botanicals

Using graphite and wax-based permanent 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. These 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! Always look at the number on the pencil, because names can change, but the number will stay the same. The recommended pencils are available as open stock. The items with an asterisk (*) are available from the instructor for \$ 10, package includes a handheld sharpener and some paper to get you started.

Graphite pencils:

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

Colored pencils:

- . 3 good quality colored pencils in the following colors from either brand:

Prismacolor Premier*: True Blue* (#903), Process Red* (#994), Lemon Yellow* (#915)

Or

Faber Castell Polychromos: Phthalo blue (#110), Fuchsia (#123), Light Chrome Yellow (#106)

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 (optional)
- . Color wheel (preferably the Water Color Wheel)