

I-DAY PAINTING WORKSHOP

Still Life in Soft Pastel

MATERIALS LIST

Please bring the following:



- Notebook and pen/pencil for taking notes.
- A sheet of tinted, fine-grit sanded pastel paper in light or medium gray or other muted color (400 to 800 grit), brands I recommend are Sennelier La Carte, Clairefontaine Pastelmat, Art Spectrum Colourfix Coated Pastel Paper, Pastelbord or other pastel paper you're comfortable with. 11 x 14 or 12 x 16 is a good size to give you plenty of margins for your work. Some pastel papers come mounted to a rigid backing that give your piece better support for framing.
- Masking tape or clips to secure your paper.
- A small drawing board and table top easel. A dust tray made of stiff paper or split paper towel cores to put under drawing board and paper towels.
- A Pastel Pencil in a medium gray.
- An assortment of soft, semi-soft pastels—the dry "chalk" kind (oil pastels are not appropriate for this technique). For this class I prefer square semi-soft pastels such as NuPastels. Square pastels have nice edges for more precise work. If you don't own any pastels, a 30- or 36-piece half-stick set would be a good starter set. Look for pastels that have a good assortment of lights and darks in each color. Also look for pastels that have nuanced subtle colors as well as intense. Feel free to bring any pastels you might have.
- A small tray to hold pastels that are in use.

OPTIONAL

The following are optional, but nice to have:

- A couple of simple objects to use in a still life—more plain in texture and colorful.

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- If you would like to use gloves to protect your hands from pastel dust, I recommend gardening gloves with breathable mesh backs and a rubber coating on the bottom of the fingers and palm (avoid the nitrile! they're too stiff!).
- Pastel pencils can be helpful for sharp detail. Pan pastels, if you have them, can be convenient for block-ins.
- Alcohol and a brush if you'd like to experiment with pastel washes.
- A piece of glassine or wax paper to protect your drawing on the way home.

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