

Botanical Drawing: Materials List

Basic supplies list: (Optional items are marked with *)

1. HB and H (hard) pencils, white eraser, kneaded eraser, pencil sharpening tools
2. **Paper:**
 - a. Smooth surface watercolor paper pad (the one that has the fewest number of sheets, e.g. 15): Blick, Canson or Strathmore.
 - b. Mixed media paper for other purposes. Our main drawing surface.
 - c. Some sketching paper and some scrap paper to try the colors.
3. **Colored pencils** set 24+ (the more the better), e.g. Blick Studio, Prismacolor Premier or Scholar, Staedtler, Koch-I-Noor, Faber-Castell, or other. The set that you buy should have different types of gray, e.g. Warm Gray 60%, 30%, 90%, French Gray, Cool Gray, and more than three types of green. If there aren't such colors in your pencil set, you can buy single pencils in art stores like Blick or Play Time in Arlington. You can purchase "Artist's Loft" pencil sets in Michael's, that are relatively inexpensive, but in that case you will need to buy additional colors.
4. Colorless pencil blender (Prismacolor, Blick or other brand)
5. Watercolor paints. Can be purchased as a watercolor paint set, in cups/cakes (no children's watercolors please!), or in tubes. Student-grade watercolor in tubes is ok. A 10-12-color paint set is good, as it usually has the needed colors. Small tubes are fine.
6. Plastic palette. Masking tape.
7. Drawing board*
8. Brushes: soft synthetic brushes, round # 1/2, 6; one or two small flat brushes. Winsor & Newton Watercolor Brush Set of 5 is a good example, but you can buy more affordable synthetic brushes.
9. Any type of fine-point technical pen 0.1 – 0.5 size (Micron, Prismacolor, Staedtler, Faber-Castell, Stabilo). One black pen, or multiple colors*.

Additional/Optional materials:

- Watercolor pencils* (any brand you like, I'd recommend Reeve large set, as it is inexpensive and produces great result)
- Markers*

We are not going to use acrylics or oil paints in this class.

You don't need ALL these materials on your first class. You can come with only colored pencils and mixed-media paper, or any thick drawing paper. We'll discuss your further steps.

Where to buy supplies: Blick Art Supplies (dickblick.com, or stores in Boston and Cambridge), Michael's, Discount art supplies store in Central Square, Cambridge (on Mass Ave, opposite Blick), Play Time in Arlington.