

## Botanical Drawing: Materials List

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### Basic supplies list:

1. HB and H (hard) pencils, white eraser, kneaded eraser, pencil sharpening tools
2. **Paper:**
  - a. Mixed media paper pad - our main drawing surface.
  - b. Some sketching paper and some scrap paper to try the colors.
  - c. Small watercolor paper pad (the one that has the fewest number of sheets, e.g. 15), or just 2-3 sheets of watercolor paper (not large)
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 also purchase "Artist's Loft" pencil sets in Michael's, they are relatively inexpensive, but in that case you will need to buy additional colors. Note that Staedtler and Artist's Loft pencils have very hard and dry leads, while Prismacolor pencils are very soft and waxy, so different types of pencils produce different quality of drawing.
4. Colorless pencil blender (Prismacolor, Blick or other brand)
5. Small set of watercolor paints (Not a children's watercolor set).
6. 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.
7. Any type of fine-point technical pen 0.1 – 0.5 size (Micron, Prismacolor, Staedtler, Faber-Castell, Stabilo), black.

### Additional/Optional materials:

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

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](http://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.