

Materials List for Beginning Acrylic Painting

Bring a positive attitude and a sense of humor. This is a beginner painting class, and we were all beginners at first! Expect to have fun and learn; don't expect perfection.

Necessary Materials:

Paints—Avoid buying hues if possible—the color does not have the same intensity. (You may only find Alizarin Crimson hues.)

Cadmium Yellow Light	Cerulean Blue	Ultramarine Blue
Cadmium Red Light	Alizarin Crimson	Titanium White
Ivory Black (optional)		

Gesso—This provides a stable base coat on your canvas or other support.

Paintbrushes—please choose long-handled artist brushes (not craft brushes). Hog hair is a sturdy, affordable option. Recommended sizes: #10 or 12 Bright, #6 Bright, and #2 Bright

Palette Knife—your choice of size(s), metal or plastic

Palette or Palette Paper (a sponge pallet keeps paint from drying out)

Canvas 8 x 10 or 9 x 12 for first class (canvas board NOT recommended)

Sturdy **container** that won't tip (at least 12 oz.) for water, dirty brushes. (I use a coffee mug.)

Clean, lint-free **rags** (old T-shirts are great) and/or paper towels

Optional Materials:

Acrylic Medium—matte or gloss

Tabletop easel (recommended, but not essential)

Masking Tape or Painter's Tape

Color Wheel

Additional canvases or other painting supports (wood, for example) I'll talk more about various supports in the first class.

Artist Pencils, eraser (Some painters prefer to draw first; I paint without drawing. Your choice!)

You will need to transport your tools each week. I recommend a large canvas tote or large plastic toolbox. Some like a rolling case for easy transport. I also recommend wax paper or baking parchment to cover your work during transport to and from class.

You also want an **apron or large shirt** to cover your clothing, or wear something you don't mind getting paint on. Although acrylic paints are washable with water, they will stain fabrics.