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Pastel Painting Materials List

Soft Pastels, the more the better, in sets, arranged by the painter in groups for reasons of color and tone and leftover pieces. There are many brands of soft pastels with a range of quality and price. Brands include Sennellier, Schmincke, Unison, Grumbacher, Mount Vision and Rembrandt. A set of Nu-Pastels is good for preliminary work. Soft pastels and pastel pencil sets range in hardness from very hard (Nu-Pastel) to buttery smooth. The difference is in the proportions of pigment, silicates, and binder. Generally speaking the softer the pastel, the richer in pigment and greater the price.

Vine Charcoal, soft, medium

Blenders, stomps, tortillions, chamois cloth

Pastel Fixative; workable, permanent

Paper or pastel board, Canson Mi Teintes, Wallis papers, Strathmore, etc.

Pastel Pad 11"x14" or larger

Sketchpad 18" x 24"

Masonite or wood drawing board

Bulldog Clips, pushpins, masking tape, towel and rags, dust mask, disposable gloves are all useful in the studio and in class.

A cap or visor to screen overhead light

Drawing skills of any level enhance your artistic pursuits. The curiosity to explore the medium is the best tool in your paint box.