

ADVANCED PASTEL PAINTING AT THE NPAC: 2025 MATERIALS LIST

- **PASTELS:** Bring 60-90 pastels of any good professional brand, covering as many colors, shades and tints as possible in values from light to dark. Or...bring what you have!
 - Pastel consistency ranges from hard (NuPastel) to very soft (Schmincke) with many variations in between. My pastel box includes a mix of brands, including Terry Ludwig, NuPastel, Girault, Sennelier, Rembrandt and Unison.

- **SURFACES:** Pastel Premier sanded paper, UART sanded paper and Art Spectrum Colourfix are the favorites among many pastel artists. 400 or 500 grit. Available in a variety of colors - stay away from bright white. Consider getting some sheets of industrial sandpaper (400 or 500 grit, sand or charcoal grey) to use for exercises.
 - 9"x12", 8"x10", 6"x9" (you may need to cut some of these papers in half for class work)
 - Canson makes a pastel paper but I suggest you stay away from this product. The Canson Mi-Teintes sheets have two distinct surfaces, one side smooth and another is grainy. I believe you will have more success with a sanded surface.

- **DRAWING BOARD:** Wood, Masonite, Gatorboard, foamcore. You can tape your paper to your drawing board or adhere your painting surface to Gatorboard or foamcore with a fixative. Mounting your surface in advance is especially helpful if you think you'll be creating a masterpiece that you will want to frame.

- **GLASSINE** or tracing paper to protect your paintings

- **OTHER EQUIPMENT:**
 - Small sketchbook
 - Graphite pencils or charcoal for sketching
 - Masking tape (not blue!)
 - Markers in 3 values of grey - light, middle, dark (I like Tombow ABT markers - N15, N55 & N75)
 - Tabletop easel (available at NPAC if you do not have your own)
 - Old bath towel for your workspace and cleaning your pastels
 - Apron or shirt to protect your clothing
 - Paper towels (Viva is best)
 - Small container of rubbing alcohol and stiff brush

SOURCES FOR CLASS MATERIALS:

- dakotapastels.com
- dickblick.com
- jerrysartarama.com
- amazon.com