

Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens

Botanical Art Classes

Materials list for 2023

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Cavalier Art Supplies, Geelong Art Supplies and Artworx Geelong

1. Graphite pencils 2H, F, H, HB, 2B, (Staedtler is preferred brand, but you may already have others. Please use what you have)
2. Kneadable rubber x1 and white vynel x1
3. Pencil sharpener
4. Ruler. Preferably clear
5. Paper towel and any soft old cloth such as a cloth nappy or well-worn tea towel.
6. Palette for watercolour. Round or square and should only cost approx. \$10. Can use a white ceramic plate.
7. Cartridge Paper drawing pad A4
8. Watercolour Paper Pad A4 (Arches 300 gsm hot Press preferred)
9. Tracing paper, just a few sheets A3
10. A3 clear plastic sleeve for storing your Arches Paper and drawings)
11. Cheap piece of thick cardboard to keep in plastic sleeve and to prevent bending of Arches paper.
12. Blutac
13. Cheap handheld magnifying glass or (a) "Helping Hands" soldering stand with magnifier at Bunnings or (b) Holder PCB with LED Magnifier Soldering Iron Stand at Jaycar Electronics. Both approx \$20.
14. Brushes sizes 0, 1, 2 (Preferably sable) No substitute for high quality! I like Raphael and Neef brands. They are called "round" brushes and have longish hairs and a beautiful fine tip. If budget allows, also X1 Neef 600 Smoothing brushes in size 4
15. Watercolour paints (all just 5ml tubes) "Windsor and Newton" Cadmium yellow, Cadmium Lemon, Cerulean Blue, French Ultramarine, Perylene green, Perylene Maroon, Perylene Violet, Cadmium Red, Permanent Rose and Gouache White. If budget allows you could also purchase "Daniel Smith" brand Quinacridone gold and "Schmincke" brand Madder Lake deep, Deep Red, May Green, Brilliant Blue Violet and Brilliant Red Violet. Provided you have the Windsor and Newton colours, you are welcome to use some of my collection of paints, even to test them and see if you like prior to purchasing them for yourself.
16. Pencil case or folder or box to keep brushes and paints safe. Sometimes a large kitchen Tupperware container will suffice.

This is a big and extensive list. I have underlined the essentials.