## Smithsonian Associates

## Color Stories Journal

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## Note from Sush:

In December 2016, as I took my parents on a trip to Rajasthan, India, my mom noticed how everything I loved and/or bought was blue. "But your favorite color was green!" she said. "I remember your cupboard... all the hangers, all with clothes in various shades of green." I shrugged but it started me thinking...

We respond to colors in various ways-our favorite colors, colors that look terrible on us, colors we associate with places, ideas, concepts. I have noticed their effect on me, how I learn about them, and their effects on others through stories people tell me, photos they share, paintings in my studio people stand in front of.

In this class I look forward to hearing your stories of how you connect with certain colors or don't as we explore our relationship to colors in a most basic way getting closer to one color per week based on stories we have collected from our lives.

Session 1: we will start with Black and White so start thinking of stories of how those colors have shown up in your life, personally or through others.

## Supply List:

| Item | Link | \$ |
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| Paints: <br> Basics <br> Acrylic Set of 6 (or any other brand) | https://www.jerrysartarama.com/liquitex-basics-acrylic-sets | 10 |
| Paint: Basics Acrylic Tube 4 Oz, Med. Magenta | https://www.jerrysartarama.com/liquitex-basics-acrylic | 5.09 |
| GAC 100 <br> Medium | https://www.jerrysartarama.com/golden-gac-mediums | 11.33 |
| Brushes: assorted pack | https://www.jerrysartarama.com/25-brush-pack-art-hobby-home-oodles-of-brushes | 8.99 |


| 1" Artist's Tape | https://www.jerrysartarama.com/artists-white-tape | 8.83 |
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| Fabriano Mixed Media Pad, $110 / 120 \mathrm{lb}$ $11 \mathrm{X14} \mathrm{In}$ | https://www.jerrysartarama.com/fabriano-1264-mixed-media-pads | 14.75 |
| 2-Hole punch or hand-held punch |  |  |
| String/ribbon /yarn <br> (for securing text pages) |  |  |
| Broad ribbon for securing journal | See photo. Any color! |  |
| $8.5 \times 11$ writing paper, ruled or plain, any color |  |  |
| Water (in a container) |  |  |
| Clean, 2 empty containers to mix paints in OR a pad of Palette Paper | https://www.jerrysartarama.com/strathmore-300-palette-paper- <br> pads?gclid=CiwKCAjwy7CKBhBMEiwAOEb7asVVDTEGAZBBvaLETBO9h88HYfHLP9TkPbVfpsM <br> ISQ5o9AvTwcvOHRoCOOAQAvD BwE |  |
| Pen |  |  |



