

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:

- If you have paints already, please check if the names match the names of the colors in this list.
- You may get the same items from any other store.

PAINTS: 7 Colors - Click Image to link to website



00717-2254

Liquitex Basics - Ivory Black, 4 oz tube. Current price: \$5.14



00717-3735

Liquitex Basics - Primary Red, 8.5 oz tube. Current price: \$8.17

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00717-4525

Liquitex Basics - Primary Yellow, 8.5 oz tube. Current price: \$8.17



00717-5915

Liquitex Basics - Primary Blue, 8.5 oz Tube. Current price: \$8.17



00717-3714

Liquitex Basics - Quinacridone Magenta, 4 oz tube. Current price: \$5.14



00717-1014

Liquitex Basics - Titanium White, 4 oz tube. Current price: \$5.14



00717-5234

Liquitex Basics - Ultramarine Blue, 4 oz tube. Current price: \$5.14

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00628-1145 3910 GAC 100 Medium, 237 ml (8 oz) Price: \$18.19

13640-1023

Strathmore 400 Series Mixed Media Pad - 9" x 12", 15 Sheets. Current price: \$7.85

06280-1309

Blick Essentials Value Brush Set - Craft Brushes, Set of 25. Current price: \$10.80

24124-1001

Artist Tape - 1" x 60 yds, White Current price: \$9.58

- Palette Paper OR plastic flat to-go food container lids to use to mix paint in
- Container for water
- Paper towels
- 8.5 x 11 paper (plain or ruled) for journal pages
- 2-Hole punch or hand-held hole punch
- Pen
- Yarn/ribbon
- Broad ribbon 30"

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