



Smithsonian Associates

Beginning Oil Painting

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CANVASES:

- At the beginning we will need one canvas or canvas panel (approximately 11x14 but no bigger than 16x20,)

PAINTS: Please have the following basic colors from whichever company you choose:

- Titanium white, Cadmium Yellow Medium, Ochre Yellow, Sienna Burnt, Cadmium Red Medium, Ultramarine Blue, Cobalt Blue, Black, plus any other colors you want.
- AVOID paints that have the word “hue” in the title—they are cheaper because they contain too little pigment.

BRUSHES:

- Start with 5-6, with a wide range of sizes. Make sure you have one round #0 or #1 brush. Hog bristle (for painterly surfaces) and/or synthetic brushes (for smooth, blended surfaces).

MEDIUM:

- Purchase any brand of “Oil Painting Medium”, or “Artists’ Painting Medium”,

OTHER SUPPLIES:

- Odorless Turpentine for cleaning brushes
- Baby food size jars with tight lead for used solvent and medium
- Wooden or Plastic Palette 12 x 16 inches or larger
 - If you purchased a wooden palette please season it with linseed or olive oil. Couple of layers will be enough
- 1 METAL palette knife, DIAMOND shaped, small/medium size
- Drawing Pencil
- Plastic gloves
- Paper Towels

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