



Smithsonian Associates

DRAWING TECHNIQUES: LINE, SHAPE, AND SHADING

with Desarae Lee

SUPPLY LIST

As you consider supplies, you'll find vast differences in cost, value, size, etc. but art does not have to be expensive or overwhelming! I've made some recommendations below but for this beginner class, you are welcome to use whatever drawing materials you're comfortable with.

Required:

1. Pencils/Pens:
 - a. Pencils for sketching
 - i. I use Bic mechanical pencils, any erasable pencil will do
 - b. Pencils and/or pens for drawing and shading
 - i. Pencils:
 1. I recommend a small set of graphite pencils of varying lead hardness. Faber-Castell has a nice 3-pencil set rated 2B-6B. Blick sells a 4-pencil set rated HB-6B. Both sets come with a sharpener and eraser.
 2. Pencil sharpener.
 3. Eraser: I love a kneaded eraser, but you choose what you like.
 - ii. Pens:
 1. I recommend a small set of technical pens of varying nib size. Micron, Copic, and Pentel all make nice small sets. For our purposes, three pens between sizes .25mm-.5mm will work great.
2. Paper
 - a. For warm-ups and sketching, any old thing will do.
 - b. For activities, I'd recommend paper with a little bit of weight (80lb+) and a little bit of tooth (avoid hyper-smooth paper made specifically for markers). You can use a sketchbook or loose sheets (roughly 4-6 sheets).
 - c. Match the size of your paper to the size of your materials. For example, if you want to use fine-line micron (size 003-02), choose a smaller sketchbook. If you want to use graphite pencils, choose large pages.

If you're feeling adventurous:

1. Calligraphy or brush pen
2. Straight-edge, ruler, compass, or other devices for drawing exact lines and shapes
3. Different kinds of erasers (rubber, kneaded, pink, etc.)