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Beginning Acrylic Painting

CANVASES: At the beginning we will need one canvas or canvas panel (approximately 11x14 but no bigger than 16x20). I do not recommend canvas pads but if you already have one at home you can bring it to the class. Have a tape with you to mount individual sheets on drawing boards.

PAINTS: Many brands exist, most reputable. Liquitex, Graham, and Golden manufacture excellent acrylics. You will need basic colors such as white, yellow, ochre, red, green, blues (cobalt and ultramarine). Acrylic paint can be heavy or soft body I would recommend to use heavy body especially if you are interested in experimenting with texture.

BRUSHES: Do buy a range of sizes. Natural White Hog Bristle brushes give clear brush marks. Synthetic/nylon brushes offer much smoother surfaces. I recommend using a combination of Flats and Rounds. Please purchase between 6 -7 brushes ranging from size 1 to 12. Make sure you have one round #0 or #1 brush. Some kits sold are very serviceable for our purposes and very economical. You can supplement with a few extras later.

MEDIUM: You can mix acrylic paint with water. At the same time there are wide range of specialty mediums which can enhance quality and versatility of paint.

PALETTE: Flat medium size. Plastic and Glass Palettes are easy to clean and offer a smooth mixing surface.

TOOLS: Medium size metal palette knife, Paper Towels, Plastic bags for disposing trash generated in class