

FINDING YOUR FOCUS IN PASTELS

with Instructor Aline Ordman

SUPPLY LIST

*Most supplies can be purchased on line for reasonable prices. The larger sheets of paper can be cut into smaller sizes and I suggest working small at least in the beginning. **Suggested sites:** Art Supply Warehouse, Jerry's Artorama, Cheap Joe's, Dick Blick and Dakota Pastels*

- VINE CHARCOAL....just a few pieces
- DRAWING BOARD

Optional: Newsprint, Canson or some toned paper for some other inexpensive drawing paper for quick poses or sketches

PASTEL PAPER CHOICES: *My favorite paper choice is Pastelmat*

The best papers are the sanded ones. Sennelier has a nice smooth tooth but if any water gets on it acts like acid; Colorfix Art Spectrum is rougher but I love it. UArt is very popular though I don't tend to use it. Pastel Premier is also nice and a lot like Colorfix. The Canson paper is not great, especially for building color but it is less expensive.

-Art Spectrum Colorfix Paper

-Any colors but white or very light. I prefer Terra Cotta, Raw Sienna, Aubergine, and other darks, you can get sample packs.

-U-Art ... I'd get a pretty fine tooth. There are different grades of tooth.

-Sennelier La Carte Sanded Pastel Card (keep in mind it cannot Accept any moisture)

Suggested colors: blue/gray, sienna, no white or pink

PASTELS: *My favorite pastels are Blue Earth, Terry Ludwig & Great American*

Pastels vary a lot in softness and expense. If you are just starting out, then there are **half stick** sets available and a good way to get more colors for less money. The best ones are by Unison, and are available at Dakota Pastels (google it) but if you want to get full sets, you may find the other sources cheap-er.

A selection of some hard and soft is best. For hard and cheap pastels, Nu Pastels are good. A large set isn't too expensive and is a good addition to any set.

-Terry Ludwig....**love them! Very creamy!**

-Art Spectrum now makes square pastels too which are a little larger than Terry Ludwig and also very soft

-Great American Artworks **love them too & very similar to Terry Ludwig**

-Unison...a great solution especially if you only get one kind.

-Schminke creamy but am preferring the Terry Ludwigs

-Ones I would avoid are Rembrandt and Windsor Newton.

-There are many others, but these are the best for me.

Any further supplies questions, please contact me at aordman@sover.net