

**VMFA STUDIO SCHOOL  
INTRODUCTION TO PAINTING**

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**BRING ANY SUPPLIES THAT YOU HAVE. THIS LIST IS A GUIDELINE.**

**SOFT willow or vine charcoal- size (3/16") or assorted sizes. (several sticks for drawing on canvas)**

**CANVAS OR PANELS: 2- 9x12s, 5- 11x14s OR 12x16s (you can buy a couple of each size to start-The 12 week classes may require more.)**

**GAMSOL** is the best thinner and lowest odor . **Turpenoid** in the **BLUE AND WHITE** can is OK too.

**Thinner CUP** Any small or medium glass jar with a lid will do for thinner

**Do NOT bring hardware store solvent**-the fumes are too strong. You can reuse solvent if you bring a jar with a lid.

**OIL PAINTS – The WINTON line by Windsor Newton is the best value. (Hues are fine and less expensive.)**

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| Yellow-----     | Cadmium Yellow Pale Or Cadmium Yellow Light (Hues are fine)    |
| Yellow Orange   | Cadmium Yellow Medium (Hues are fine)                          |
| Red Orange----- | Cadmium Red Light OR Vermilion (Hues are fine)                 |
| Red Violet----- | Permanent Rose   |
| Purple-----     | Magenta  |
| Blue-----       | Ultramarine (any variety regular, deep or French)              |
| Blue Green----- | Prussian blue OR Phthalo blue OR Phthalo turquoise             |
| Green- -----    | Sap Green  |
| White-----      | Titanium White(GET A LARGE TUBE!) Winton Brand, Windsor Newton |

**BRUSHES** Natural or Synthetic Bristle: I recommend a range of sizes like those listed below:

**NOTE: Oil Brushes have long handles and size 4 has bristles ¼" width. If you are just starting out buying sets is more economical. Brands are constantly changing and I have found that stiff synthetic bristles hold up well.**

**Avoid soft red sable or soft white synthetic.**

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| Bristle ROUND Brush             | Size 0 OR size 1          |
| Bristle FILBERT, FLAT, OR ROUND | Size 2                    |
| Bristle FILBERT OR FLAT,        | Size 4 – (GET 2 of these) |
| Bristle FILBERT OR FLAT,        | Size 6                    |
| Bristle FILBERT OR FLAT,        | Size 10 OR 12             |

**PALETTE KNIVES-** Drop Handle with a long thin flexible blade that comes to a point (blade is 2-3 inches)

**Optional:** Another Drop Handle smaller pointed palette knife (blade one inch)

**PALETTE** -Jack Richeson Gray Matters disposable palette 12"x16" or You can bring a roll of wax paper and masking tape to tape to the museum tables. Large Wood palettes are fine. I discourage white palettes.

**PAPER TOWELS-** Bounty or Viva paper towels.

**ART SUPPLY STORES**

**PLAZA ART- 927 W. Grace St. (near Harrison) 359-5900- Gives VMFA student discount.**

**Most likely to have everything but parking is not great.**

VCU Bookstore - 1111 W. Broad Street (between Harrison & Shafer)

AC. Moore, Michael's, Hobby Lobby- good locations but more expensive and don't offer VMFA Student discount.

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