



Dundas Valley School of Art

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Instructor: Michelle Teitsma

Class: Spring into the Season En Plein Air

Material List:

First class:

We only need some pencils: 2B and 6B and a mechanical pencil, together with sketch pad

Second class onward:

Using your medium of choice, we will be interpreting your sketch into colour, with attention to colour mixing and the benefits of a limited palette.

What should my painting kit contain to effectively work en plein air?

For Oil and Acrylic Painters

1. **Brushes:** Large, medium, small flat. 1 small round.
2. **Canvas:** I will be suggesting some gestural paintings to get warmed up and loose. Use approx 4 or more small flat canvas for these exercises. Dollarama canvas are okay. Each class will use one medium sized or small canvas for your main work. Each should be gessoed and underpainted. Two underpainted with a light gray. We will be discussing how to paint the rest of them in class.
3. **Paints:** One white, one black, one red, one yellow, one blue. You can bring more if you wish but you might want to keep the choices small for plein air.
 - o **Oils:** Solvent and medium such as Taltine, or Gamsol. For cleaning brush and to make washes. Linseed oil.
 - o **Acrylics:** mediums such as matt gel, flow aid, retarder. Water for cleaning brushes. Spray bottle of water.

For Watercolour Painters

1. Either a watercolour palette box or at least a paynes gray, a red, a yellow, a blue. A sepia. An umber. A green.
2. Round brushes. Large, medium, small.
3. Watercolour pad or small sizes of watercolour paper cut out and taped to a surface. 10 per class.
4. Bottle of water and small container of water to clean brushes.

Every kit needs these!

- An Easel

- A chair, optimally a small size that travels well
- A box to transport wet paintings and/or a Pochade box and tripod: What is a Pochade box?
<https://www.virtualartacademy.com/pochade-box/>
- Trash bag
- Rags and or paper towels
- Wet wipes
- Surfaces on which to lean on or place onto easel to support smaller pieces
- Tape
- Clamps to hold things down if windy
- Pencils: 2b, mechanical
- Kneaded eraser
- Sketch paper
- Ruler
- View finder made from cardboard. (This is a rectangle of card, with a 5"x6" approximate rectangle cut out of the middle.)
- Water
- Sunscreen