

Acrylic Painting Class for Santa Cruz Art League
Painting the Figure
Supplies List
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If you are just starting out as a painter, here is a list to help you get ready. If you already have your supplies, just take a look at this to see if there is anything else that might be needed. I have listed alternatives to keep the cost down where possible.

1. Palette—I use a Masterson Sta-Wet Premier Palette. 12" x 16 " x 1 ¾ ". It also comes in a smaller size. It contains a sponge under the paper palette to keep paints moist. Purchase this, or, to get started, you can use a white dinner plate from Goodwill, or disposable pallet paper or butcher paper.
2. Brushes—Inexpensive brushes will be fine. Purchase the firmer ones that are for oils and acrylics. Three should be enough to get started—one about ½ inch and another closer to 1 inch-- filberts. Also a small round—a 2 or 4.
3. A roll of paper towels
4. Gloves (if you are messy)—thin, latex, powdered, disposable. They come 100 in a box at hardware stores and Costco.
5. Paint—you can start with just five tubes (heavy body). A red, yellow, blue, black and white in the smaller size—2 oz. Liquitex or Golden are the professional grades. If you prefer to start with student-grade paints, as a less expensive option, that is fine. Sennelier has an extraordinary range of beautiful colors. These come in a plastic bag. If you have other acrylic colors or if you fall in love with a color at the art store, you are welcome to bring them.
6. Two Canvases—Preprimed (they come this way). 16 x 24 inch or 20" inch sq. or smaller. You probably will not want to go much larger when you are beginning. Palace frequently offers these at 40 to 70% off—stock up at these times.
7. A mister of water—like an empty windex bottle.
8. Pictures of figures in interesting poses to use as a reference; we will not be copying, however. I'll have lots on hand for you to use.
9. A bag or box for lugging your supplies around. Something from Goodwill!

We will explore the use of other tools, but they are not necessary for the first class. Water containers, easels, and side tables are available for your use. You may want to bring an apron or big shirt to cover your clothes.

I am looking forward to working with you. Contact me if you have any questions.

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