

Beginning Pastel Painting

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Come and learn all about the exciting world of pastel painting ! In this 4 day workshop we will cover basic drawing and pastel painting techniques, the beauty of the pure pigment of pastels, materials, color theory and so much more. We will paint still lifes and landscapes together following demonstrations with this vibrant and expressive medium. You'll get lots of positive feedback and coaching.

Materials List:

Pastels:

You will need a variety of dark , medium and light soft pastels and hard pastels Brands I suggest , you will notice a big difference if you buy quality and paper:

Soft pastels : Unison, Schminke, Terry Ludwig , Sennelier and Mount Vision. (get a starter set, believe me you'll get hooked and want more)

Hard Pastels : NuPastel, Rembrandt

Pastel Paper: Sanded pastel paper is the best. Canson paper is called pastel paper , it doesn't hold as many layers, good for sketches but not as much for painting. You can get variety packs of sanded papers with different colors , or buy a few big sheets and cut them down. A few brands I like: UArt, Pastel Premier and Art Spectrum

Other things you'll need:

Small sketchbook for taking notes and jotting down ideas

Disposable gloves

Backing board(foam core works great for this) or drawing board with clips

Tabletop easel (there are some to borrow in classroom)

Masking tape

Newsprint pad

Soft Charcoal

Moo eraser

Paper towels

Small color wheel

Sources:

Lenz in Santa Cruz has a good supply of pastel supplies

Online :

Dakota Art Supply www.dakotapastels.com

Dick Blick www.dickblick.com

Cheap Joe's www.cheapjoes.com

Amazon