

Oil Painting Studio Materials List

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These are the materials I regularly use, and most are available from Dick Blick Art Supplies:

Online: <https://www.dickblick.com>

San Diego Store: 1844 India St., SD 92101; (619)687-0050

Note: Every painter has their own preferences, and these are mine. Other paint brands/colors or brushes shapes/sizes are fine, I recommend experimenting to see what works for you and your budget. Also, I am providing links here, but I am not in any way connected to the companies or receiving payment for providing this information.

Brushes:

Although many types of brushes are available, including some specifically for oil painting, I prefer Winsor & Newton (**W&N**) Galeria Brushes, which were designed for acrylic paints. I've tried lots of different brushes but mainly use the "Long-Handle Bright" type, mostly Sizes 2, 4, and (especially) 8. I also have sizes 12, 14, & 18 for larger canvases.

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/winsor-newton-galeria-brushes/>

Undercoat brushes:

I buy brushes for one-time use at the local Denault's Ace Hardware Store. However, these kinds of brushes can be easily found elsewhere and sell for a couple of dollars.

<https://www.acehardware.com/search?query=linzer%20flat%20brush>

If I am undercoating many canvases, especially large ones, I use a 6" foam, paint roller:

<https://www.acehardware.com/departments/paint-and-supplies/painting-tools-and-supplies/paint-roller-covers/1379825>

Oil Paints:

My most common palette has 2 types of blue, yellow, and red, plus white. My usual brand is W&N. They have an economical series and a higher quality "Artisian" series. Their sets offer an assortment of colors and are more good deals, however I buy individual tubes because most sets have colors I don't use much (e.g., black, raw umber, thalo blue, viridian). If I want to use one of those colors, I buy a tube.

Winsor & Newton Winton Oil Paints (economical):

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/winsor-newton-winton-oil-colors/>

Winsor & Newton Artists' Oil Paints (higher quality):

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/winsor-newton-artists-oil-colors/>

Blick Studio Oil Paints (most economical)—We used these for our painting class:
<https://www.dickblick.com/products/blick-studio-oil-colors/>

I have also used some other brands, including Gamblin, Grumbacher, & Utrecht.

My Basic colors: French Ultramarine Blue, Cerulean Blue, Naples Yellow, Zinc (or Windsor Yellow), Pale Pink (Rosy Beige), Alizarin Crimson, Titanium White *[Other colors are often substituted or added.]*

My other typical colors: Cadmium Red, Cadmium Yellow, Cobalt Blue, Cobalt Turquoise, Cobalt Violet, Dioxazine Purple, Indigo, Sap Green, Terre Verte, Thalo Blue, Viridian

My undercoat colors: Raw Sienna, Burnt Sienna, Naples Yellow, Cadmium Yellow, Yellow Ochre
The recipe is at:
<https://leighpaintings.com/impressionist-painting-for-beginners-class/>

Palette knives:

Blick offers many different shapes and models of palette knives, including less expensive plastic options:

<https://www.dickblick.com/categories/painting/tools/palette-knives/>

I always use a “Blick Painting Knife – Medium Rounded Spatula 94” and have at least a few on hand:

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/blick-palette-knives-by-rgm/>

Easels:

I have a few easels, including a plein air one, though I don’t use it anymore. There’s a wide variety at:

<https://www.dickblick.com/categories/furniture/easels/>

Here’s an example of a “starter easel” for small studios:

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/richeson-navajo-easel/>

This one is comparable but a different design:

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/blick-studio-light-duty-h-frame-easel/>

A lighter weight but stable aluminum model:

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/blick-studio-aluminum-single-mast-easel/>

Here are a few light tabletop easels:

<https://www.dickblick.com/search/?q=metal%20tabletop%20easels>

Palettes:

I use disposable palette paper, which comes in a variety of sizes:

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/blick-studio-disposable-palette-pads/>

I attach the paper with scotch tape to “E-Z Clean Palettes:

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/e-z-clean-palettes/>

My preferred size is Rectangular 12” x 16”, though we used 10” x 14” for the class. I am usually painting various canvases and each one has its own, corresponding palette that I usually use repeatedly for several sessions.

Canvases:

Although some painters stretch their own canvases, I use “Blick Premier Stretched Cotton Canvas” which is primed with gesso. It comes in a wide variety of sizes and depth (of stretcher bars):

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/blick-premier-cotton-canvas/>

There are less expensive “Blick Academic 2-Packs” and Canvas Boards, as well as Canvas Rolls, starting at:

<https://www.dickblick.com/categories/canvas/>

Additional Materials:

Linseed oil (lots of options)

<https://www.dickblick.com/search/?q=linseed%20oil>

Weber Odorless Turpenoid

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/weber-odorless-turpenoid/>

Masters Brush Cleaner and Preserver

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/the-masters-brush-cleaner-preserver/>

Brush cleaning tank

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/silicoil-brush-cleaning-tank/>

Brush holder

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/milan-brush-holder/>

Other:

Paper towels

Disinfecting wipes

Disposable gloves

Small jars

Trash can (well ventilated)

Drop clothes (from hardware store)

Projector:

I use a projector to help transfer my image (jpg, etc.) to the canvas. These can cost from \$50 to a couple of thousand dollars. Amazon, Best Buy, and eBay all have many options, including less expensive used or refurbished models. I use an Epson VS250 with 800 x 600 SVGA resolution, 3,200 lumens (brightness), and a 25-foot range. Comparable models retail for \$300-600.

Utility Cart:

One of my most useful studio tools is my utility cart on rollers. There are many types of utility carts available online. Mine has two shelves, and the top one has only a small lip (rather than a deep shelf):

<https://www.dickblick.com/items/luxor-heavy-duty-utility-cart-two-flat-shelves/>