

## PAINTING WITH A LOOSE BRUSH

Art Center Manatee

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**Wednesdays 5:30pm – 8:00pm**

**Session 1: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

**Session 2: Jun 7, 14, 21\***

**Session 3: Jul 26, Aug 2, 9\***

### SUPPLY LIST FOR USING ACRYLICS – two pages – please read carefully

#### • Surfaces to paint on:

Prepared panels and canvases keep things simple and save time. Pre-primed canvases can be found at Blick, Utrecht, etc. or locally in Sarasota (Art&Frame, Michaels, Blue Line). Gessoed masonite panels are good too and come cradled and uncradled. I recommend the cradled panels because they are easier to clamp into the easels. Prepared supports are worth it for the time they save.

Do your best to tone support in advance for a neutral, medium-value surface, grey is fine.

Heavy weight paper, gessoed is also a good surface to paint on, though you'll need a board to tape it to. Give it a coat of medium value grey paint before bringing to class.

#### • Sizes:

Approximately 8"x10" – 11" x 14" – 12" x 12" – are examples of good sizes.

#### • Palette:

Approximately 12x16" or equivalent, **no smaller**. Avoid palettes with a white finish.

Better choices are palettes with a neutral, medium value surface, such as:

- A pad of **Gray** wax Paper disposable palettes 12" x 16" are what I recommend; make sure it's gray, which works really well. 12" x 16", no smaller.

- A wooden palette that has been prepared with several coats of medium (4 parts turp. to 1 part stand oil) and allowed to dry between coats.

A solid palette such wood, glass or plexi, lets you get more physical when mixing without tearing the paper.

**The following is recommended if you are painting on a regular basis, because it allows you to save unused acrylic without it drying out:**

*It's highly recommended to get a "**Sta-Wet**" palette*, because this keeps acrylic paint wet for a long time. Get the size large enough to hold your wax paper disposable palette, and make sure you get the thin flat sponge and the special paper that comes with it. Read directions about how to prepare the sponge and the special paper, and have it ready to use for the first class.

- **Palette knife:** A palette knife is necessary for mixing paint. A knife with a blade about 3" in length and 1/2" wide, with a rounded point, is good for general use. Knives that bend where the blade attaches to the handle are the ones to get, "trowel" type of knife.

#### • Plastic container for water to rinse brushes

#### • Paper towels or rags

• **Brushes:** “brights” are brushes with squared-off edges and “rounds” are brushes round at the base (the ferule).

I like the synthetic brushes they are making now, but bristle brushes are great too. Purchase synthetic brushes for acrylics, called “brights”, starting at ¾” and 1” wide (that’s the width of the brush at the ferule). Get several that size or larger as you see fit.

Bring at least one “round” synthetic brush sized ½” or larger diameter at the ferule.

**Acrylic paint Retarder** – used to keep paint wet for a longer time. Be sure to get a container of this.

• **ACRYLIC PAINT:** get 37ml tubes for all colors below, but for white get a large tube (110-120ml). Best brands are Golden Acrylics and Liquitex acrylics.  
Please be sure to bring these colors. Get additional colors that you’d like to add to this list.

**cadmium yellow (light)**

**cadmium yellow deep**

**cadmium red light**

**alizarin crimson or** Quinacridone Red

**Chrome oxide green**

**viridian green**

**dioxazine violet**

**ultramarine blue**

**cerulean blue**

**teal or turquoise**

**raw umber**

**ivory black**

**titanium white – large tube**

### **OTHER / miscellaneous materials to bring**

- **Bring a small spray mister, helps to keep paint wet.**
- Small notebook or sketchpad and 2B pencil for thumbnail drawings.
- Rags or paper towels.
- Apron or painting shirt

Organize your materials into a bag or an art supply container, or paint box, makes things easier!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [lucy@lucybarber.com](mailto:lucy@lucybarber.com) or 941-487-7811.