



# Acrylic Painting: The Basics

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## Required Materials:

Paint is the most expensive item on this list. Students may choose any acrylic paint set; however, quality and quantity matter.

### Minimum Color Requirements

Students should have access to the following colors (listed from most to least important):

- **Titanium White**  
*Highly recommended to purchase a full tube separately, especially if using a cheaper set. This is the most frequently used color.*
- Primary colors: **Red, Yellow, Blue**
- **Magenta and Cyan** (preferred but not required)
- **Burnt Umber**
- **Yellow Ochre**
- **Ultramarine Blue**

### Suggested Paint Sets (examples):

- Budget options:
  - <https://www.amazon.com/24-Color-Acrylic-Paint-Set-Brushes/dp/B08QNJ7KSF>
  - <https://www.amazon.com/Shuttle-Art-Pigments-Professional-Painting/dp/B077WSBLZ1>
- Mid-range / better quality:
  - <https://www.amazon.com/DJAR-Acrylic-Bottles-Supplies-Painting/dp/B0FRMGKJP2>

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## Brushes

- Any acrylic brush set is acceptable
- Must include a **variety of flat and round brushes**

### Suggested example:

<https://www.amazon.com/Paintbrushes-Watercolor-Painting-Miniature-Detailing/dp/B07YDDF26Y>

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## Painting Surface

Students should have **practice surfaces** and **at least one finished piece surface**.

### Practice Options (recommended):

- Canvas paper (pads usually include 10 sheets)
- Canvas boards (often sold in packs of 10–12)

### Final Painting Surface:

- At least **one proper canvas** (stretched canvas or canvas board)

### Size Guidelines:

- **Beginner Class:**
  - Minimum: 8 x 10
  - Maximum: 18 x 24
- **Intermediate Class:**
  - Any size is acceptable

### Suggested canvas paper:

<https://www.amazon.com/Strathmore-Canvas-Glue-Bound-Sheets/dp/B000KNPWD2>

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### Palette

- Disposable **palette paper** is recommended for easy cleanup
- Physical palettes are acceptable if they are **flat** (no paint wells/divots)

### Suggested palette paper:

<https://www.amazon.com/Strathmore-365-9-Palette-Bound-Sheets/dp/BooCPDoO1U>

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### Palette Knife (Painting Knife)

- Any painting knife is acceptable
  - Shape is personal preference
  - If you are unsure, choose a **small palette knife**
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### Sketching Supplies

- Sketchbook **or** loose paper
- **Pencil is required**
- Additional sketching tools are optional and based on personal practice