

## Drawing the Garden Materials List



### **Suggested materials:**

*It is my intention for the class materials to be easy to find, affordable and basic. These are also the tools which will help you to capture some of the fabulous shadow and light, color, forms and textures you may see in the garden, so do give your materials some thought. This is an all-levels class. If you are a beginning student, you can start small and grow and adapt your materials to your interests as you develop your skills.*

*I have attached links to Blick Materials to view as examples.*

### **3 drawing pencils and metal sharpener**

*Graphite Drawing pencils, 2B, 4B, 6B preferred. Just a good 2B or 4B pencil can also work.*

*(graphite is the correct term for “lead” pencils, as pencils are actually made with non-toxic graphite, a form of carbon, mixed with clay).*

<https://www.dickblick.com/items/generals-kimberly-drawing-pencil-4b/>

*I suggest a metal sharpener, as it will work better than a plastic sharpener with soft drawing pencils.*

### **Color Pencils set of 12, or Watercolor Pencils, or Watercolor Set**

The following links are suggestions only. You can bring something you already have or borrow from a friend; it should be compatible with graphite pencil. If you're unsure, please feel free to ask me by contacting Swiftwater Gallery via email or phone.

<https://www.dickblick.com/items/prismacolor-premier-colored-pencil-botanical-colors-set-of-12/> (on sale 5/3/23) Or...

<https://www.dickblick.com/items/prismacolor-watercolor-pencil-set-assorted-colors-set-of-12/> Or...

<https://www.dickblick.com/items/prang-watercolor-pans-oval-assorted-set-of-16-colors/>.

### **Ink Pens:**

A few ink pens of varying widths can be fun; and can combine well with lightly applied graphite.

Example:

<https://www.dickblick.com/items/sakura-pigma-micron-pens-set-of-6-black-assorted-wide/>

### **Eraser:**

Staedtler-Mars (white eraser with a blue wrapper) or another good plastic drawing eraser

<https://www.dickblick.com/items/staedtler-mars-plastic-eraser/>

A good pink rubber eraser (that doesn't stain your paper) could also work.

### **Blending tool or tortillon:**

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/gray-paper-stumps/>

### **Paper:**

A mid-size, portable mixed media drawing or watercolor pad for working outdoors.

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/strathmore-400-series-watercolor-paper-pads/>.

Or... <https://www.dickblick.com/products/strathmore-400-series-sketch-pads/>

You may also want a slightly larger drawing pad for working indoors. Not required, but if you do bring one, I would suggest a multi-media drawing pad, so you can experiment with different materials. The Strathmore 400 Series (above) is a good one.

**Suggestion:** A cut up tee shirt is perfect for rags; always nice to have a damp and a dry rag nearby when drawing.

**A folding chair or camp stool would be great for the garden.**

**Some sort of backpack or tote to carry everything in.**

There will be about an hour between the morning garden drawing and the afternoon studio drawing. You could pack a lunch. You might also have time to eat something in town.

There are many places to buy your art materials online or in person. I buy most often from Blick, so I am using their online catalog to give you visuals and price samples. Please feel free to shop around for the best prices and values!