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Beginners Painting in Acrylics Supplies List:

Acrylic Paint Colours:

- Titanium White (a larger size tube is advised as you will likely use this more than your other colours)
- Yellow Ochre (raw sienna will suffice if necessary)
- Cadmium Yellow Light or Middle
- Cadmium Red Middle
- Magenta (quinacridone magenta is best but anything in a dark and vibrant pink hue will suffice)
- Burnt Sienna
- Mars or Ivory Black
- Ultramarine Blue
- Phthalo or Cerulean Blue

Other Supplies:

- 3 or more brushes, with at least one round and one flat brush in the mix.
- Trowel style palette knife (a plastic one works fine)
- Painting Palette (preferred option is a 9×12 disposable sheets palette, but anything with a flat surface for mixing will do)
- Sketchbook or loose paper, pencil and eraser (for notes and compositional sketches)
- 4-6 canvases or canvas boards (between 5×7 and 16×20 inches) You will not need to bring all of these for the first session

Instructor notes on Materials:

Paints:

I find golden to be a good brand, but there are other cheaper options that are still good. Anything 'artist' rather than 'student' grade will be a good choice and much less frustrating for colour mixing.

Amsterdam is a decent brand to start with as well.

Note: (if you already have some slightly different primary colours, that should be fine – though ones listed are preferable)

Brushes:

Any of the packaged acrylic brush sets are good options, or if you already have a few brushes on hand that should be fine too. Some of my favourite brushes for acrylics are the 'bravura' brushes but if you're not sure what you like yet even dollar store brushes can be an ok option to start with.





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Where to shop:

Island Blue art store in Sidney on Beacon Ave or downtown on the corner of Fort & Quadra has a great selection and helpful staff, Opus on Herald Street is another good option. Island Blue offers 10% off supplies when attending sessions at McTavish Academy Of Art. For some inexpensive options for things like canvases Sidney dollar store can be a surprisingly great option until you are ready to step up to higher grade canvases.

If you have any questions regarding materials, please contact instructor Laura Bonnie. Email: laurabonnieart@gmail.com www.laurabonnie.com

See you in the studio!

