

Plein Air Sketching

Materials List

The most important thing is to have good paper and a sturdy surface (I use a clipboard). Make sure you have a few pencils and some kind of eraser. These are my recommendations:

Paper - I like Strathmore 400 series Drawing Paper, Medium Surface, in White or Toned Gray, 80 lbs. I have a spiral bound book in size 5.5" X 8.5". You may get larger paper, but try to get a size that will fit on a 9" X 12" clipboard.

Pencils - There are many good brands available, I tend to use Staedtler Mars Lumograph. It is nice to have several HBs, a B and a 2B to start. If you only have an HB, that is fine too.

Erasers - Any eraser that you have that works is fine. If you want to get fancy...

Kneaded erasers are great to have. There are many brands, Faber-Castell, Prismacolor, General's, Cretacolor...



I love this small eraser! Tombow MONO Zero Refillable Eraser Round, Ultra-Fine 2.3 mm (they also have square ones, I prefer round)



General's Factis Mechanical Eraser



Viewfinder - I like the ViewCatcher brand in gray plastic, but you can make your own in cardboard. I will bring several of these to the sessions for you to try, do not feel you need to buy one for the workshop.

Clipboard - to clip your sketchbook to.