

White Line Woodblock Printmaking and Beyond

SUPPLY LIST

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Wood

There are several options for wood:

Shina plywood; my favorite, and the easiest to use. McClain's Printmaking Supplies; www.imcclains.com

Clear pine; Home Depot sells by the board, 10" or 12" wide. They'll cut it down to whatever lengths you like in store, no less than 12" though. The traditional favorite.

12" square 1/4" Plywood squares: "Craft Plywood," Artist and Craftsman, model making section of the store. I use these frequently.

Luan plywood works well, too, available at any local lumberyard or Home Depot. It has a "seedy" grain.

Woodblock Cutting Tools

You may want to pick up a set of woodcutting tools that includes a V gouge, a U gouge, knife, etc., but at minimum, a V gouge is necessary. Don't buy linoleum cutters for this purpose; they won't hold up to wood.

McClain's: imcclains.com. All different levels of quality from student to professional.

Amazon: sells a 5-piece Power Grip set for around \$19.50 that would be fine, as well as lots of others.

Flexcraft is a good brand.

Amazon

Dick Blick
Graphic Chemical

Artist and Craftsman

Paper

Washi (Japanese woodblock printing paper) many different kinds! Experiment to see what you like. I like a heavier weight sheet, 90-140grams, but there are many thinner sheets that hold up well. Masa is one. I will have available a nice quality washi sheet that students may purchase from me at cost. I have not printed recently on western-style cotton papers such as Rives BFK, etc. but these may work, as well.

Artist and Craftsman-in store, not yet online.

McClains; www.imcclains.com

Akua Liqid Pigment Water-Based Inks

For this class, I suggest students purchase a warm and a cool blue, warm and cool red, and warm and cool yellow, plus white and black. I have also used regular Windsor and Newton tube watercolors with success, but the Akua Liquid Pigments are ideally suited for white line.

(Ultramarine Blue, Pthalo Blue, Scarlet, Quinacridone Red, Yellow Ocher, Hansa Yellow, Jet Black, White.) www.akuainks.com, also:

Jerry's Artarama

McClains

Dick Blick online

Amazon

Printing Baren

Speedball makes an inexpensive, serviceable plastic one. I also like the inexpensive, bamboo-covered ones available at any well-stocked art supply store. Many professional-level ones are available at rapidly ascending price points, but either of these will get you through just fine. In a pinch, I have also used a wooden spoon, metal soup spoon, or a smooth doorknob.

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Incidentals

Tracing Paper

Carbon Paper

Waxed paper

Pencil and eraser

Plastic watercolor palette with plenty of room for mixing

Watercolor brushes, size 10 Or 12 or so

Plastic water container