

Pastels Materials List

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Soft Pastels

Try to have as many as you can afford, in sets, arranged by color and tone. There are many brands of soft pastels with a range of quality and price. The difference is in the proportions of pigment, silicates, and binder. Generally speaking the softer the pastel, the richer in pigment and greater the price. (Do not get oil pastels!)

When I first started painting with pastels, I did not have any of the softer types and I immediately found that frustrating. **My recommendation is to get a set of Nu-Pastels (96) and one set of one of the others listed below.**

- *Nu-Pastels are one of the harder types of pastels. –
<https://www.jerrysartarama.com/prismacolor-nupastel-sets>
- Holbein Pastels, 144 set -
<https://www.jerrysartarama.com/holbein-soft-pastel-sets>
- Sennelier
<https://www.jerrysartarama.com/sennelier-standard-soft-pastel-sets>
- Unison –
<https://www.jerrysartarama.com/unison-soft-pastel-sets>
- Great American
<https://www.jerrysartarama.com/great-american-soft-pastels>

Paper and other surfaces

There are many types of papers and other surfaces available. I strongly prefer the “sanded” papers and boards. Here are some suggestions:

- *Strongly recommend - Art Spectrum Colourfix Paper - 10-Pack 9.5x12.5 – Mid tone grey or tan
<https://www.jerrysartarama.com/art-spectrum-colourfix-smooth-pastel-paper>
- Ampersand Sanded Pastel Boards –
<https://www.jerrysartarama.com/ampersand-museum-series-pastelbord>

Other things to consider:

- Pastel pencil sets range in hardness from very hard (Nu-Pastel) to buttery smooth.
- *Vine Charcoal, soft, medium
- *Sketch Journal – I like these small books-
- 4B and 6B pencil
- *Kneaded eraser
- *Masonite or wood drawing board
- *Masking tape, towel and rags, disposable gloves are all useful in the studio and in class.
- *Baby Wipes for keeping hands clean
- *Smock or old clothes

Other sources for materials:

www.jerrysartarama.com

www.dickblick.com

www.dakotapastels.com

www.cheapjoes.com

www.finartstore.com

www.aswexpress.com

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