

Beginning Acrylics Workshop with Alicia Farris

The following supplies are recommended for this class. If you already have supplies that you would like to use, please feel free to bring them.

- 1. Paints:** if purchasing new, you'll need a good basic limited palette: Naphthol Red, Cadmium Yellow med., Ultramarine Blue, Burnt Sienna, Mars Black, Titanium White. Other colors you might want to purchase are Cobalt Blue, Alizarine Crimson, and Cadmium Yellow Lt. Liquitex is a good brand - "artist quality" is best - especially for red, but student grade is fine to start.
- 2. Painting surface:** 2-3 stretched, canvases or canvas boards (no smaller than 11" x 14") and a few pieces of acrylic or canvas paper. You can get an inexpensive canvas paper pad for about \$3. Gesso at least one of the canvases prior to the first class. If the canvas is "gesso primed" already, please go ahead and gesso it anyway.
- 3. Gesso:** to prime your painting surface. In addition, there are many acrylic mediums available for purchase. If you would like to wait until after the first class, when I will explain some of them, that's fine. The only one necessary for class is Gesso.
- 4. Brushes:** Bring what you have to begin with. If you are buying them, you will need varied sized brushes - flats and rounds. Brushes with stiff bristles are the ones that we will mostly be using. Acrylic paint is tough on brushes; buy inexpensive ones. You can even get a set of brushes that come in a canvas wrap in a plastic tube - they're cheap and not bad to work with! For applying gesso, you'll need a wide flat brush - a "hake" brush works fine.
- 5. Palette:** . You'll need a flat (preferably white) palette. (no smaller than 8 ½" by 11") If you don't have one, freezer paper taped around a piece of cardboard works just fine. (please, no wooden palette) If you'd like to bring a sealing container to keep your palette in, to keep it wet overnight, that's fine - even ex. large ziplocks work well. "Stay-Wet" palettes are nice too, but not required.
- 6. Sketch book and pencil:** Any size you are comfortable drawing on and whatever kind of drawing pencil you like to draw with - no "hard" pencils.
- 7. Easel:** A cheap tabletop easel will work fine.

Miscellaneous :

Roll of paper towels

Spray bottle for water

Apron or old clothes

2 Plastic water containers

Any sketches or drawings you'd like to paint

