

Supply List for Desktop Dye Painting at Alegre Retreat

Watercolor bound notebook/journal -- spiral bound or lie-flat (a good size is 5"x 8" or 9" x 12" in.), and 140lb paper. Make sure it's for watercolor, not mixed media

Procion MX fiber reactive dye powders (either ProChem or Dharma, 2 oz sizes). You'll need at least 1 each yellow, red and blue single hue dyes. See Resource List for choices*

Soda ash, 1lb. (Also called Soda Ash Fixer at Dharma, or Pro Dye Activator at PRO Chem. Arm & Hammer Washing Soda is the same but it's a bigger box) **You will use this at home before class!**

Urea (you only need bring about 1 cup urea granules to the workshop, leave the rest at home)

3 yards 45" PFD mercerized cotton. A fine weave such as Dharma's mercerized combed cotton broadcloth or Test fabric 419 is preferred. Do not bring bulky weaves, knits, or silk! See Pre-Workshop Preparation for soda soaking, cutting and marking instructions.

A selection of 6-10 watercolor/acrylic brushes -- Nylon bristles, 1/4" flats are good, maybe one 1" taklon brush but no larger. No foam brushes.

3 fine tip Sharpie pens: blue, red, black

Mechanical pencil, HB lead, .5 or .7 size

One or two water color pencils (a blue or green PrismaColor pencil works well)

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Two or three 16 oz size deli containers with lids - clear or recycled, but must have lids

Two or three clear 16 oz plastic cups (not colored)

50 - 2 oz. plastic mini cups with lids (yes, 50!) They come in packs of 50, sometimes called Jello Shot cups. Do not get larger sizes.

A few small plastic spoons

Sturdy plastic kitchen spoon, about 12" in length, for stirring hot water washout

Dust mask (common blue Covid mask is fine, as is a vented one)

Disposable nitrile gloves, 5-6 pair should be fine but more if you change them frequently.

Dishwashing gloves - above wrist length -- for washing out fabric

2-3 rags or old washcloths, microfiber ok

Regular beige masking tape (NOT blue tape), partial roll is fine

Kitchen garbage bag (wrap your dye powder jars in plastic, then pack them in this to be safe!)

Two or three gallon size Ziploc bags

18" ruler or straight edge

Roll of paper towels, partial is ok

Small basket or box to carry your dye bottles and cups -- like a drawer organizer, about 7"x10" or a small Amazon box that can be folded -- something that easily fits in your suitcase.

Optional: additional dye powders from the list. See note on dye powers in Resource List

3 or 4 interesting images of your choice that you think you could simplify into line drawings.

Wear clothing you don't mind getting stained should an accidental spurt of enthusiasm happen!

* A resource list will be available at my website later this year, along with pre-class instructions and helpful information. Please check the workshop section of my website at least one month prior to class for any updates. I will provide measuring and mixing tools as part of your class fee. Feel free to contact me with any questions!