

Jane's **ART** BASICS

This is my recommended list of budget friendly supplies for starting an art practice in acrylic and collage. I highly recommend using this as a **start**, and growing into higher-quality paints such as Golden.

ACRYLIC PAINTS

- Blick Studio Acrylics
- Liquitex Basics
- NovaPaint
- I do not recommend Blycrilic, which is a school-grade paint. Craft paints are not a good choice either.
- OR buy good paints and dilute them with soft gel or matte medium.
- If you are new to painting, I suggest buying a set of at least twelve colors, plus an 8 oz bottle of *Blick Matte Acrylic White*.
- Acquire high-quality paints as your budget allows.



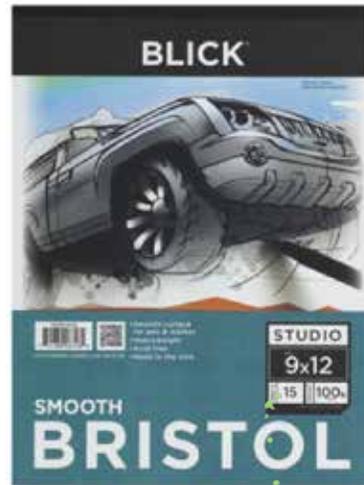
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TOOLS

- Brushes: I recommend decent, but not expensive brushes. The Dynasty brushes on the list are good. Experiment with others too.
- Glue stick: I use Uhu, but there are lots of good brands
- Palette knife: I like the square edged knife, but see what suits you best.
- Scissors
- Micron, or other pigment-based fine felt tip pens
- Pencils - ordinary #2 or a variety
- Palette: I use the pad-of-paper style of disposable palette. Choose what works for you.



Papers to paint or collage on:

- Blick (or other) Bristol pads, 9"x12", or size of your preference, OR
- Stonehenge printmaking paper, which you can cut down from 22"x30" into a comfortable size.

Papers for collage or sketching

- White sulphite drawing paper, 60#, to paint for collage paper, 9"x12"
- 80# white sulphite drawing paper for experimenting and sketching.
- Sketchbook, if you like to use one.



OPTIONAL DRAWING TOOLS

- Caran d'Ache NeoColor II water soluble crayons
- Posca paint markers (Aristro, and Arteza offer similar quality opaque paint markers)
- Colored Pencils, if you like them



PAINT COLORS

If you are buying open stock paint rather than a set, I recommend the following:

- Primary red (like Cadmium or naphthol)
- Magenta (such as quinacridone magenta or anything labeled magenta)
- Orange (Cadmium orange or vat orange)
- Yellow (Cadmium yellow or Hansa Yellow)
- Green (light or permanent), something that looks like grass green
- Turquoise (not pthalo turquoise, but something lighter like 'aqua', teal, or cobalt turquoise)
- Warm Blue (pthalo)
- Cool Blue (ultramarine or anthraquinone)
- Black
- White: Blick Matte Acrylics white is the best I've found for opacity.

