

Figure Drawing Workshop – by Susan N. Jarvis

Supply List

1 Large Sketchpad - I have these available in my studio for \$5 each. You can purchase one on the day of the workshop. These are custom sketchpads that I had a printing company create. They are not available commercially.

1 or 2 pieces of “Nupastel” – please select dark values rather than light pastels. Earth tones are preferred (burnt umber, sepia, burnt sienna, raw umber, etc.) since they are close to flesh tones when smudged. Black is also a great neutral to work with. You can purchase Nupastel at Utrecht or Reuels.

1 Smudging tool (or several) – I use cut up bits of soft T-shirt material (jersey). You can purchase commercial “bunt sticks” or even use pieces of chamois. Kleenex tissue would be okay but not paper towels...they’re too rough. I use one piece of cloth for each color of Nupastel I’m using.

1 drawing board – This is the hard surface on which you place your sketchpad. We will be drawing vertically on upright easels and you will need a drawing board.

Drawing boards are on sale at Utrecht right now:

23” X 26” hard board with a carrying handle and clips \$8.99

28” X 38” hard board with a carrying handle and clips \$15.99

You can also make your own drawing board. I cut mine out of MDF (medium density fiber board) from Home Depot. MDF comes in a half sheet and looks just like masonite only one side has a white finish on it. I had Home Depot cut the size I needed right there on the spot (about 28” X 40”). You’ll need to run a little sandpaper along the edges to smooth them.

2 Metal clips – these are used to hold your sketchpad on the drawing board. You only need to buy these if your drawing board doesn’t have any clips. I use Boston Bulldog clips (the large size...I think #4). They’re about \$1 each.

1 good eraser – a gum eraser or a kneaded eraser is great. These types of eraser are good because they don’t disrupt the surface of the paper.

2 drawing pencils – I like #2 pencils. A softer graphite pencil is also nice. Bring any types of drawing pencils you already have and try them out.