

## Botanical Drawing: Materials List

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### Basic supplies list:

1. HB and H (hard) pencils, white eraser, kneaded eraser, pencil sharpening tools
2. **Paper:**
  - a. Mixed media paper pad /or good quality drawing paper pad - our main drawing surface, 9x12" or better 11x14".
  - b. Small watercolor paper pad (the one that has the fewest number of sheets, e.g. 15), or just 2-3 sheets of watercolor paper (not large)
3. **Colored pencils** set of at least 24 colors (the more the better), e.g. Blick Studio, Prismacolor Premier or Scholar, Staedtler, Koch-I-Noor, Faber-Castell, or other. The set that you buy should have different types of gray, e.g. Warm Gray 60%, 30%, 90%, French Gray, Cool Gray, and more than three types of green. If there aren't such colors in your pencil set, you can buy individual pencils in art stores like Blick or Play Time in Arlington. You can also purchase "Artist's Loft" pencil sets in Michael's, they are relatively inexpensive, but in that case you will need to buy additional colors. Note that Staedtler and Artist's Loft pencils are very hard, while Prismacolor pencils are very soft and waxy, so different types of pencils produce different quality of drawing, and may not be blended together.
4. Colorless pencil blender (Prismacolor, Blick or other brand)
5. Small set of watercolor paints (Not a children's watercolor set).
6. Brushes: soft synthetic brushes, round # 1/2, 6; one or two small flat brushes. Winsor & Newton Watercolor Brush Set of 5 is a good example, but you can buy more affordable synthetic brushes.
7. Black Micron pen 0.1 – 0.5 size

### Additional/Optional materials:

- Watercolor pencils (any brand you like, I'd recommend Reeve large set, as it is inexpensive and produces great result)

If you prefer using other media in this class (like pastels or any kind of paints besides watercolor, we can discuss it later).

You don't need ALL these materials. For the first class you can come with only colored pencils and mixed-media paper, or any thick drawing paper. We'll discuss your further steps.

**Where to buy supplies:** Blick Art Supplies ([dickblick.com](http://dickblick.com), or stores in Boston and Cambridge), Michael's, Discount art supplies store in Central Square, Cambridge (on Mass Ave, opposite Blick), Play Time in Arlington.