

# Supply List:

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## 2025 Workshops and Classes

- *(This is a list of what I use. If you are a seasoned artist and have your favorite supplies, please use that. I am not a stickler on my painting supplies vs anyone else's)*

1- **Painting Panels** – Several 9 x 12 and 10 x 12 sizes. *(You can bring other sizes if you like)* Bring at least a dozen of these for the week. These can be homemade MDF boards sanded and coated with 2-3 layers of Acrylic Gesso, or canvas to boards. The SourceTek company sells great painting panels. *(I mostly use 9 x 12s outdoors but occasionally work larger and even smaller.)*

2- **Brushes**, I use a variety of bristle brushes from Dick Blick in the Utrecht brand. (Black, Green or Natural color handles) Mostly flats in various sizes #s 2-10. (The number 6 is probably the size I use the most). I also like softer synthetic brushes (shorter brights) for softening edges and finer detail work at the end of the painting session.

3- **Colors**: I use Blick brand Artists Oil Titanium White, and the Utrecht Colors sold at the Blick store or on line. (Cerulean Blue Hue, Cobalt Blue Pure, Ultramarine Blue, Quinacridone Rose, Cadmium Red Medium Pure, Cadmium

Yellow Hue, Cadmium Yellow Medium Pure, Yellow Ochre and Burnt Sienna.

- 4- **Trash Bags** – I use the Blick bags repeatedly, attached to my easel with Gorilla Clips and I attach one at the bottom of the bag also, attached to a Bungee Cord around the leg of my easel to keep the bag out of my paint on windy days! *(When done I empty the bag in a trash can and use it repeatedly). (I have lots of these and sometimes I have to wait until I get home to empty them.)*
- 5- **Odorless Mineral Spirits**, You can buy “Artists Grade” or just regular Klean Strip Odorless Mineral Spirits at Home Depot. Get the clear kind not the milky looking stuff.
- 6- **Some Extra Mineral Spirits** in a small container like a fuel canister sold at hiking stores. You can also just buy the thinner in smaller quart sized cans to have on hand. *(Frustrating when setting up and realizing that your brush washer is almost out!)* \*More on that later!
- 7- **Metal Brush Washer with a lid** - Sold at Blick and Hobby Lobby. (Great for inside a backpack) *By the way, mostly we will not be painting far from our cars, but we could walk down a trail a quarter of a mile or so to get some outstanding views. Depending on what the group wants to do, we won't leave anyone behind.)*
- 8- **Palette Knives**. I have three: (The smallest size about an inch long and next size up about 2 inches long *(teardrop*

*shaped*). Also, a large one for palette scraping 4-5 inches long)

- 9- **Medium** – I make my own using (1-part Stand Oil, 1-part Galkyd Lite and 3 parts Odorless Mineral Spirits) (*PS Galkyd- Lite retains brush marks, Galkyd - smoothes them out – (Watch what you buy!)*)
- 10- **Medium Container** - I use a small squeeze bottle with a flip top, sold at Blick to dispense several drops of medium when needed.
- 11- **Portable Easel** - (*I will be bringing my French Easel when doing demos off my tailgate, and probably my Soltek-2 when demoing away from the truck*).
- 12- **Rags** - (*Small lint free, for wiping out passages at the beginning stage of a painting; some like Q Tip*)
- 13- **Wipes** - for hands at lunch time.
- 14- **Wet Panel Holder** – Commercially made, or as simple as a pizza box. You might want a few pizza boxes if you go that route. Make sure they fit up to a 10 x 12 panel.
- 15- **View finder** – Nice but not necessary.
- 16- **Sketchbook and pencil and a gray viewfinder.** (*You know, those little ones everyone seems to have. I mostly use them to draw little boxes for doing thumbnail sketches*)
- 17- **Tissues or Paper Towels** – (*I use both - tissues for wiping my brushes and paper towels for cleanup at the end.*)

18- **Water, Snack, Hat with a brim** (*to shade your eyes*).

**Bug Spray, Sunscreen and Bear Mace** – (*Just as a precaution, Bear sightings in GTNP are few and far between, but it's always good to be prepared*).

19- **More Nice to Have Items, but not Necessary:**

Two-inch Bunny Brush for softening passages, Catalyst spatula – (04 mini by Princeton. Sold at Blick; a fun little tool for painting.)