

CITY OF TORRANCE CLASS SUPPLY LIST  
BOTANICAL & PORTRAIT DRAWING

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Local stores (that don't have everything): Walsers (best of local ones, but expensive), El Camino College, Michael's, Joan's Fabrics, Aaron Brothers. **Call them for availability before going.**

Cheaper and much better stores further away: Utrecht, Blick, Pearl, Lyons (Long Beach), etc.

**If I were you** I would order online: DickBlick.com, Amazon (the ones I know and use) or any others

*Summary: 4 pencils, 2-3 vine/willow sticks, 3 sketchbooks, 2 erasers, 1 utility knife*

### **PENCILS**

○ **1-3 Black charcoal pencils** (*please be very careful reading this, and get the right H/B designation!!!*) This pencil has to be as hard as possible, but still usable.

Pick from: \*General's charcoal pencil **HB or 2H** (TRY before buying General, it is very inconsistent)

or \*Conte "Carbone" **HB** or \*Wolf's Carbon **B** or \*Conte "Pierre Noire" **H**

○ **2-3 Vine/Willow Charcoal sticks** thin to medium diameter, hard to medium softness. Nitram is best

○ **1 White pencil:** Pitt/Derwent/Carbothello/other pastel or even blackboard chalk – **soft and smudgy.**

○ **1 Sanguine pencil:** One pencil. Pick from: General's Pastel sanguine pencil, Prismacolor sanguine (chalky, not waxy) or Pitt pastel pencil (#188) or some other sanguine pencil (NOT WAXY)

○ **1 Graphite pencil:** (HB)

### **PAPER (3 sketchbooks)**

○ **Toned Tan** (Strathmore) 11x14 in (or 9x12 in)

○ White paper sketchbook 9x12 or 11x14" for everyday drawing – sheets should not be too smooth or too thin, and should have a hard back cover sheet (so it doesn't bend). Those with paper on a spiral or book bound are most convenient, don't get the glued type.

○ (optional) Consider getting an additional smaller sketchbook to carry with you at all times in a pocket or handbag.

### **ERASERS, SHARPENERS (3 items)**

○ a kneaded eraser:

O any solid eraser you prefer.

O **Sharpener:** a LONG POINT mechanical sharpener or a utility knife (retractable blade).

**The standard sharpeners won't work!!! Don't waste money!**