

Acrylic Portrait Painting for the Absolute Beginner

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Recommended Supplies:

Paints:

(I typically buy Golden. Feel free to experiment with other brands, but I've found them to be the best. Amsterdam and Winsor & Newton are OK. Liquitex Basics tends to not have as much pigment. Feel free to bring in colors that aren't on this list.)

- Titanium White LARGE tube
- Alizarin Crimson
- Naples Yellow
- Arylide Yellow
- Pyrrole Red
- Burnt Sienna
- Raw Umber
- Ultramarine blue
- Cerulean Blue
- Fluid Matte medium
- Additional colors and gels/mediums welcome
- Acrylic paint palette or disposable paper palette
*(A sealable palette with tear away sheets is recommended like this:
<https://www.dickblick.com/products/masters-on-sta-wet-handy-palette/> Wax paper can also be used on the bottom of the palette for easy clean up.)*
- Two large jugs of water.
(I usually save old, plastic juice bottles and cut off the tops.)

Brushes & Knives:

(Brushes can be bristle, sable, or nylon. You could try one of each to see what the difference is, if you like. Softer brushes are good for washes without showing the brushmark, firmer brushes are good for loading with paint and painting thickly. The greater the variety of brushes, the more mark making opportunities you have.)

- #8 flat
- #8 round
- #8 filbert
- #2 round
- #12 flat
- Palette knife (for mixing and applying paint to surface)

Painting Surfaces:

- 2 canvas boards 16x20"
- 10 sheet canvas pad
- board and clips to hold the canvas paper

Optional Supplies:

- Apron or smock
- Soft pencil
- Rags
- Plant mister/spray bottle
- Collection of images you'd like to work from – photos of family, friends, pets, etc
- Ruler
- Tablecloth

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The Seattle Colleges does not allow the following acrylic or oil paint colors on campus:

- Cadmium Yellow light
- Cadmium Yellow medium
- Cadmium Yellow deep
- Cadmium Orange
- Cadmium Red light
- Cadmium Red medium
- Cobalt Teal
- Permanent Green Light
- Green Gold

Shopping Resources: (Painting)

- Artist & Craftsman 4350 8th Avenue NE, Seattle 206-545-0091
- Dick Blick Art Materials 1600 Broadway, Seattle 206-324-0750
- Jerry's Artarama Online www.jerrysartarama.com (takes a few weeks to receive order)

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