

Susie Muise Adult Oil Painting Workshop Supplies *2016*

1. **Oil Paints** or Water-soluble Oil Paints

Bring the colors of oil paints that you have. Just make sure you have at least one of each: red, blue, green, yellow plus **a lot of white**.

2. **Mediums and Thinners**

All you need is a small container filled part way with canola oil (example: small jelly jar). This is to clean your brushes during class. You can give your brushes a thorough cleaning when you get home.

If you are used to painting with a medium, please bring what you are comfortable with. Please keep lid on it during class, as many are toxic to breathe.

If you are accustomed to painting with a thinner, bring only lidded containers of either Gamsol or Turpenoid, as they are both odorless. Please do not bring any turpentine or regular paint thinner.

I will have both thinners and medium at class, if you want to try either one, or both.

3. **Brushes**

Brushes for oil painting are typically stiff - generally bristle or synthetic. Soft brushes (ie sable) require medium to make the paint fluid enough. Long handles are preferable over short handles, because you can hold it near the end. (When one grips up close on a brush, which one tends to do with a short handle, it is easy to start to DRAW with your brush as you would a pen/pencil. Using your whole arm is what happens when you grip at the end of long brush, and this creates lovely brush STROKES.) Medium to big size brushes are best, for what we will be doing in class. I recommend a few sizes between the range of #4-16 of either flat, filbert or brights...no rounds. If you are buying just one brush (which is fine), I recommend a #12 or #14.

4. **Palette Knife**

Handy, but not necessary.

5. **Paper & Pencil with Eraser**

Nothing fancy needed...just something to make a small sketch. Ideally, having a designated sketchbook for these preliminary sketches is helpful.

6. **Painting Surfaces**

Bring 2 medium size canvas' or panels. For instance, anything between say 9"x12" up to 22"x28". Some basic sizes I like are 16"x20" for a rectangle or 20"x20" for square.

7. **Paper Towels**

In addition to paper toweles, I personally like having Baby Wipes with me to keep my hands clean, as well as cleaning up small messes.

8. **Palette**

Any palette that is at least 10"x12 or more. I recommend using a grey palette. I use the tablets of grey disposable palette paper called "Grey Matters" 16x20". They are great for value comparison and makes cleaning up easy, since you just toss it away. I will have extra sheets with me, so if you want to try it, bring a cookie sheet to use as a palette, and I will give you a sheet of grey palette paper.

10. **Traveling Box**

Just a thought about driving home with a wet canvas. Pizza boxes are great, or any other box that will keep your painting safe and your car clean.

11. **Easel**

If you have an easel that you like and that travels easily, by all means bring it. Otherwise, will have light weight aluminum easels for you to use.