

Pastels beyond Basics with Carrie Ruddy

Materials List, October 17, 2026

Carrie has tabletop easels available if anyone would rather not bring their own. Please let us know in advance.

1. Hard Pastel Set
 - *Prismacolor Nupastels recommended*
2. Soft Pastel Set
 - *The higher quality the better. Unison, Terry Ludwig, Sennelier, and Jack Richeson are examples of high quality brands although they can be quite expensive. Mungyo is an inexpensive brand that performs well for the price point. They key is to bring pastels that have an assortment of values with lights, darks and neutrals, not only bright colours.*
3. 9x12" Un-sanded pastel paper
 - *Canson Mi-teintes recommended or any two-sided pastel paper (smooth and honeycomb)*
4. 9x12" Sanded pastel paper
 - *Uart grit 400 - 600 recommended. Sandpaper is not advised. It is non-archival and can eat pastel quickly.*
5. Backing board and artist tape to mount paper
6. Small spray bottle of rubbing alcohol
7. Rags to clean pastels and hands (*baby wipes are also great for hands*)
8. Optional: A piece you are currently working on, if time allows, for critique or help with resolving any issues.