

Pen & Ink: Supply List

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This course will be taught live online using *Zoom*. Each session will start with a presentation or demo followed by drawing time as a group. Please have all your drawing supplies on hand and set up your area to draw ahead of time. A couple of days before each class date you will receive specific instructions along with handouts and any supplemental material to view before the coming drawing session. You will need some form of tablet or computer to log into *Zoom*. Login info will be supplied by NCBG before the start of class. Work to be reviewed during the class will be shared via smartphone (texting an image), or through sharing a photo as an email attachment. We will also use *'Padlet'* as a visual image sharing forum for questions and sharing artwork (more on this later).

- Have available for each class -

Technical Equipment

- **Computer or tablet:** To login to class on. Note that a larger screen will be beneficial in viewing demos. Equipment should be run with a power cord and not a battery, since we will be live for several hours.
- **Tablet or smartphone:** For taking images and sharing. Note that due to image quality, I will not be able to review as you work unless you have a phone or tablet holder that can be angled to watch you work. This is optional.
- **Scanner (optional):** For submitting artwork outside of class you may either take a photo as above, or scan an image. You need not purchase for the class, this is an option if you already have one. These images will be shared directly to *Padlet* which is like *Instagram* but only available to those registered in the class for viewing and sharing.

Art tools

Drawing: Graphite pencils, tracing paper, kneaded eraser, pencil sharpener, ruler, and *Artists* or drafting tape.

Black ink: Should be waterproof, permanent Ink (*Koh-i-noor*, *FW*, *Hunt*, *Talens Drawing Ink*, or *Speedball*). [Daler-Rowney FW Black Acrylic Ink](#) is my favorite for dip pens. If you are using technical pens, look into an ink just for them like [Koh-I-Noor Ink](#), others may clog the tip.

Paper: 9x 12" Minimum pad of Plate/Smooth Bristol Board: [Borden and Riley Bleedproof Paper for Pens](#) or [Strathmore Smooth Bristol 300 series](#)

Dip Pens: We will be using dip pens the first week: Crow quill pen holder and various nibs to fit. [Speedball Sketching Dip Pen Set](#) comes with a smaller crow quill holder for the finer nibs and a larger general nib holder for larger pen nibs. This gives a range of pen nibs to test out. Each nib has subtle changes in line width and flexibility. This set comes with No. 56, 99, 102 crow, 107 hawk, 108, and 512. If looking for individual nibs start with the crow or hawk nibs first. Do NOT buy the "lettering" or angled "calligraphy" nibs or pens.

An alternate is to try the [Zebra Comic Mapping \(Maru\) pen nibs](#) along with the [Tachikawa comic pen nib holder, 40](#) from Japan on Amazon.



Black Technical Pens: We will start using these the second week. One set of technical pens. Choose from –

- Set of 6 disposable technical pens: [Sakura Pigma Micron pens](#) or [Copic Multiliners](#) - Sizes .005, .01, .02, .03, .05, and .08. If buying individually start with the .005 tip.



OR



Set of 7 [Koh-I-Noor Rapidograph Pens](#) (3x0 is most commonly used). The [Koh-I-Noor Pen Cleaner set](#) is wonderful for fully cleaning the ink out of the pen,

*****Rapidographs* are more expensive and difficult to keep up. They can be cleaned and refilled over and over. The line work is more subtle and accurate. The *microns* are a more economical alternative, are not refillable, but are acceptable for the class.****

Misc. Items: White acrylic paint and a very small round brush for touch-up. Eyedropper or pipette. A smaller bottle or cup like container to put ink in for dipping. Distilled water.

Sources:

Michaels, Staples, Crazy Alan's Emporium (Chapel Hill for Borden and Riley paper and pens) Jerry's (Raleigh), or Jerry's Outlet (Greensboro).

ONLINE: Jerry's Artarama, Cheap Joes, Dick Blick, John Neal Bookseller (pen and ink specialist in Greensboro), or Amazon. The examples are from Dick Blick, although you may find better deals elsewhere.