

Introduction to Charcoal
Sawtooth School for Visual Art
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Supply List

Below is the supply list for the Introduction to Charcoal Workshop as well as suggestions for where to buy the supplies.

Materials:

- Box of vine charcoal (soft or medium)
- Compressed charcoal (only need 1 or 2 sticks)
- Plastic eraser (ex. Staedtler Mars Plastic Eraser or Pink Pearl)
- Kneaded eraser
- 3 sheets of heavyweight drawing paper* (size suggestion is 16" x 20" - 18" x 24", you may purchase individual sheets or a purchase a drawing pad)
*Drawing paper and sketch paper are different. Drawing paper is a thicker and a heavier weight paper that holds the charcoal better and is more durable for making adjustments to the drawing.
- Drawing Board to hold whatever size paper you purchased

Optional Materials:

- Blending Stick/Smudge Stick/Tortillion (This will help you blend smaller sections of your drawing.)
- Fixative (This will help prevent the charcoal from smudging. There is "Final Fixative" and "Workable Fixative." As the title alludes, the "Final Fixative" is for when you know that you are finished with the drawing. The "Workable Fixative" is a way to preserve what you have, but you can make some adjustments (mostly add charcoal.) My recommendation would be to buy "*Workable Fixative*.")
- Artist Tape (If your board does not have clips, this will help keep the paper on your board as well as create a clean border on the edge of your drawing. Artist tape is made to come off the paper without damaging it. Masking tape will likely cause damage. They also make a neutral colored artist tape that is different than the blue painters tape at the hardware store.)

Where to Purchase Supplies: There are many options for purchasing supplies.

Online: Both options are great, have low, free shipping minimums and fair and comparable prices. Jerry's tends to ship a bit faster in my experience with them.

- Jerry's Artarama <https://www.jerrysartarama.com/>
- Dick Blick <https://www.dickblick.com/>

In-Person:

- Jerrys Artarama Wholesale Club Greensboro: The prices here are some of the lowest I have ever seen, but you do have to buy a \$20 membership card to get the lowest prices.

538 Farragut St,
Greensboro, NC 27406

- Craft Stores: You can also get most of these materials at a local craft store such as Michael's or Hobby Lobby, but make sure you compare prices and look for coupons.

We will go over the supplies in more detail during the first class, but please feel free to contact me at BrittanyRGilbert@gmail.com with any questions. I am happy to help make sure you are ready for the workshop!