

Class: Introduction to Asian Brush Painting
Instructor: Jean Kigel
www.jeankigel.com, kigel@midcoast.com, (207)-832-5152
Session: Fall 2008

Supply List

Paper: Asian rice paper is tissue-like and very absorbent compared to Western watercolor paper. If possible, buy some raw (very absorbent) and some sized (less absorbent) paper. Large individual sheets, are more expensive than rolls, pads, or wrapped packages of paper. (\$1-\$8/sheet; \$8-\$16/a roll, pad or package. Large individual sheets, however, can be divided and allow one to experiment on exotic fibers and colors.

Ink: Ink sticks and grinding stones are strongly recommended and are preferable for producing a range and brilliancy of values. You may buy bottled sumi ink (\$5-\$15 a bottle).

Paints: You will have the option of painting in sumi alone, or in sumi and watercolor. You may bring along any watercolors you have.

Brushes: Essential: Buy at least one medium brown bristled, stiff brush and one medium white-haired, soft brush. (Oriental brushes have bamboo handles, and should be tested in water at the store for good pointing and resilience. Do not buy brushes that fail to point well once the glue is removed from the bristles!) Ideally, buy large, medium, and small brushes in both brown (stiff) and white (soft) bristles. Prices range from \$2 or \$3 to \$18 or \$20 locally. Better mail order brushes are more expensive.

Palette: N/A

Drawing Board: N/A

Miscellaneous:

- undercloth - a piece of felt or wool, a little larger than your largest piece of paper is necessary for laying under the rice paper. (A sheet

- of felt from a fabric store or a piece of a thin, old wool blanket is ideal.)
- water container - at least 1 quart capacity, wide-mouthed, not too deep is best
 - white porcelain dishes - at least three white, saucer-like dishes are required for mixing at least three values of ink
 - paper towels/tissues/kitchen sponges - useful for testing values of ink and for blotting

Optional: N/A

Materials are available: at local art supply and craft stores including Art Mart, Artist and Craftsman, AC Moore, Michael's and online including Jerry's Artarama www.jerrysartarama.com