

# Spruill Center FOR THE Arts

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## Supply List

### Pet Portraits in Acrylic and Watercolor

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#### **Brushes:**

- Bring a variety of your favorites large and small, synthetic and natural (stiff)

#### **Acrylic Colors**

I recommend Liquitex, Liquitex Basics and Golden Acrylics and Daniel Smith or WN Cotman watercolors.

- titanium white for acrylic painters (professional grade even if all other paints are student grade)
- burnt umber
- yellow ochre (or yellow oxide)
- burnt sienna
- cadmium red medium or pyrrole red
- ultramarine blue
- phthalocyanine (thalo or phthalo) blue
- cadmium yellow medium or hansa yellow medium

#### **Other Supplies**

- Paper towels
- Palette knife for mixing
- I recommend a 9" x 12" or 11" x 14" surface : Stretched canvas, canvas board or canvas pad or 100% cotton watercolor paper, loose, stretched, or a block. Cold press preferred.
- Assorted clear reference images of your pet(s). A few things to consider:

**Good Lighting** – is your picture light enough to see your pet?

**True eye color** – does the picture show the true eye color of your pet?

**True fur color** – does the picture show the true fur color of your pet?

**Visible fur direction** – can you see the fur in detail?

**A good distance from the camera** – is your pet too far away and hard to see? Zoom in and cut out extraneous background elements.

- If you wish to grid or transfer, I suggest having the image printed on *regular* paper (not photo paper).
- How to use transfer paper: <https://www.art-is-fun.com/transfer-paper#:~:text=Get%20a%20paper%20photocopy%20or,transfer%20paper%20to%20the%20canvas.>
- How to use a grid: <https://design.tutsplus.com/tutorials/how-to-use-a-grid-to-enlarge-an-image-while-drawing--cms-20593>
- Palette appropriate for your medium. Paper plates work well too!
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#### **Optional**

- Acrylic Matte Medium (fluid *not* gel, and get a 4 oz. bottle-you don't need a lot)
- Mister or spray bottle for water (keeps paint moist on the palette)

- Drawing implement for sketching design on canvas and a sketchbook

Note: If you have questions about supplies, please don't hesitate to send me an email.  
Please feel free to bring anything not on the list.