

Mastering the Art of Drawing Fine Botanical Details

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SUPPLY LIST

- **Graphite Pencils:** One each of 4H, 2H, HB, 2B, 4B, 6B. 2H or 3H with rounded tip (more on this in class).

Suggested brands: Wooden pencils - *Faber-Castell 9000** (top all around), *Staedtler Mars Lumograph*, *Mitsubishi Hi-Uni** (lovely dark B pencils), or *Kita-Boshi*, and/or *Blackwing* for soft leads (smooth but expensive) The hardness ratings may vary from brand to brand.

Or... **Clutch type 2 mm. lead holder*** with leads in 2H and HB Great for precision marks without sharpening frequently. *Staedtler Mars* makes a nice heavy pencil.

- **Pencil sharpener and sandpaper:** Sandpaper block, emery board, or fine sanding sheet for keeping a fine point in between sharpening. If using a mechanical drafting pencil with changeable leads, you will need a pencil pointer. *KUM** makes a long length 2 step handheld sharpener for wooden pencils.

- **Erasers:** *Bostik's Blue-Tack** putty can be shaped (or use a kneaded eraser), white plastic eraser (the pencil shaped *Tombow Mono* plastic erasers are nice for getting into small areas). The *Vanish** or *Sakura foam** erasers are good overall and may be cut into smaller sizes.

- **Soft Brush** – For cleaning off eraser bits, soft cosmetic brush works well.

- **Paper:** *Stillman and Birn Zeta** series (sold in sheet or sketchbooks), *Arches**, or *Stonehenge** 140lb. hot pressed watercolor paper. Or a medium/heavy weight drawing paper such as *Canson* and *Strathmore (300 or 400 series)* has slight tooth so not as good for details. Tracing or copier paper for sketching.

- **Removable tape:** Drafting, painters, washi, or Artists tape.

- **Small desk lamp:** Gooseneck or swing lamp to light subject using a single LED or incandescent bulb.

- **Paper towels** or cloth rag

- **Plant specimens:** You will use your own plant material, more on this will be sent out before class meets

Optional

- **Electric eraser:** *Derwent*, *Sakura*, *Ohuhu** or other battery and rechargeable options.

- **Mechanical Pencil:** HB 0.3 mm. or Pentel Orenz 0.2 mm. *Note that smaller leads break and clog the pencil easily but create beautiful consistent lines.

- **Grey scale and value finder:** Found in fine art stores

*Some favorites