



Bees and Flowers Mini Course Materials List

With such choice on the market it can be very confusing to know what to buy, so I have devised these lists as a guide, finding a decent quality and a good price where I can.

Please note this list is just for guidance, if you have any materials already please use what you have, and this is not an endorsement, nor do we accept any responsibility for any data/damage issues when following links once you have left our site, you are responsible for checking the new site terms and conditions and data protection policy.

Suppliers:

Cass Art (online) www.cassart.co.uk - good quality, known brands, can have good deals.
The Range (online and stores) www.therange.co.uk - has a fair amount of art equipment at good prices, tend to aim for the known brands though, larger stores are better.
Jacksons Art (online) www.jacksonsart.com - good quality for the price, good range.
W.H. Smith - larger stores do a good range of art materials.

Derwent Coloursoft pencils - are high colour with a softer, waxy consistency for blending and building colour.

<https://www.therange.co.uk/arts-and-crafts/art-supplies/art-sets/drawing-sets/derwent-coloursoft-pencils-tin/#309232>

The academy range are also fairly good quality, but don't blend in quite the same way, but are good for the price.

<https://www.therange.co.uk/arts-and-crafts/art-supplies/drawing/pencils/pack-of-derwent-academy-colour-pencils/#430559>

Blenders and burnishers - for blending colours and pencil marks, to create smooth finish, useful but not essential.

<https://www.therange.co.uk/arts-and-crafts/art-supplies/art-sets/drawing-sets/pack-of-6-derwent-burisher-and-blender-pencils/#817963>

Pastel Paper - Comes in a variety of colours, in pads or single sheets. I have used blue, the coloursoft pencils work well on a coloured ground, the cheaper pencils may work better on a more neutral, lighter shade such as light grey or ivory.

<https://www.therange.co.uk/arts-and-crafts/papercraft/card-paper-and-foam/paper/winsor-and-newton-pastel-paper/>

<https://www.jacksonsart.com/daler-rowney-ingres-pastel-paper-160gsm-24-sheets-6x9in-6-colours>

Brushes -

For this project you will only need a couple of brushes, maybe a round fitch no. 2, and 8.

If you want to do more watercolour painting you will need a small selection of round and flat fitch(square shape), the quality and price varies greatly, but I would advise against going too cheap, as cheaper brushes tend to loose their shape and bristles! Which can be frustrating.

There are so many different types of brushes I have just gone for basics.

Brush sizes which I think are a good range to start :- Round brushes 0, 2, 4, 6, 8.

Flat fitch(square shape) - 3/8, 5/8.

I like Pro Arte, which are good at a reasonable price, Cass Art do a small pack which is good to begin with, and has all of the sizes above except 5/8, see link below:-

https://www.cassart.co.uk/painting/watercolour_paints/watercolour_brushes/pro_arte_prolene_series_101_106_watercolour_brush_cass_exclusive_set_of_6.htm

Brushes can also be bought singly, such as for a 5/8 or 3/4" larger Flat fitch (Cass Art) -

https://www.cassart.co.uk/painting/watercolour_paints/watercolour_brushes/daler_rowney_graduate_flat_wash_brush.htm

Gouache- You might like to add in white gouache paint. It can be useful when adding detail, and is often used with watercolour.

Gouache is a heavier bodied, high pigment water based paint. It has the addition of chalk to the binder, so it is more opaque than watercolour and can cover to give a flat even finish, or can be watered down for washes. It can also be used neat to add highlights.

It comes in a variety of colours, and can be bought in sets. Link below is for single tubes, I would go for permanent white.

<https://www.jacksonsart.com/winsor-newton-designer-gouache>

Small Plastic Palette - for paint and mixing, watercolour is very economical, so can be left on the palettes and kept.

https://www.cassart.co.uk/loxley_plastic_circular_palette.htm?trackterm=plastic+palette