



Materials List

Sumi E Ink painting.

Below is a basic kit list with suggestions of what and where to buy. Please note this is only a guide. As with most art equipment go for the best you can afford, but cheaper brands are fine for practising and experimenting. I will have some A3 sheets of cartridge paper.

Suppliers:

Cass Art (online) <https://www.cassart.co.uk> - good quality, known brands, can have good deals.

The Range (online and stores) <https://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) <https://www.jacksonsart.com> - good quality for the price, good range.

W.H. Smith - larger stores do a good range of single pencils and graphite sticks.

Artesaver sell Seawhites brand, which are a good quality student range of materials at a reasonable price <https://www.artesaver.co.uk>

1. **Sketch pad A3** - I prefer a heavier weight to my sketch pads, simply because I can use it for other things as well as drawing! Such as this one below from Cass Art - 200 gsm . You can go for lighter weight if you wish(120gsm would be lighter weight). I have recommended A3 size as I will be using that, but A4 will also work, which is smaller.

I also use the Daler Rowney one - link below.

<https://www.cassart.co.uk/surfaces-category/paper-surface/product-type-paper/cass-art-heavyweight-cartridge-pad-200gsm-25-sheets.htm>

<https://www.cassart.co.uk/surfaces-category/paper-surface/product-type-paper/daler-rowney-red-yellow-spiral-sketchbook-150g-25-sheets.htm>

You could also use the traditional rice paper:

<https://www.jacksonsart.com/hahnemuhle-sumi-e-japanese-ink-paper-pad-80gsm-30x40cm-20-sheets>

Or Smooth finish watercolour paper can also work.

Brushes - You will need a round fitch brush, or a traditional Chinese or Japanese painting brush. Again the quality and price varies greatly, but again I would advise against going too cheap, as cheaper brushes tend to lose their shape and bristles! Which can be frustrating. There are so many different types of brushes I have just gone for a basic round brush - around a number 8 or 10 is a good size.

Sets tend to be cheaper, so if you plan on watercolour or ink painting the sets below are a good range. Or you can buy them singly, you will only need one round brush for this project.

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

Traditional Chinese brushes:

[https://www.jacksonsart.com/search/?q=chines&fq\[category\]=Chinese%20Brushes&fq\[category_id\]=2525](https://www.jacksonsart.com/search/?q=chines&fq[category]=Chinese%20Brushes&fq[category_id]=2525)

[https://www.jacksonsart.com/search/?q=chines&fq\[category\]=Brushes%20for%20Ink&fq\[category_id\]=2256](https://www.jacksonsart.com/search/?q=chines&fq[category]=Brushes%20for%20Ink&fq[category_id]=2256)

Small Plastic Palette -

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

Ink

I have used black water soluble drawing ink, acrylic ink and water resistant would work if you want to put washes over the top of your drawing. Link below :

<https://www.jacksonsart.com/search/?q=black+drawing+ink>