

92Y ART CENTER

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Drawing Our World

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MATERIALS LIST

We will be making drawing in pencil and/or charcoal. Materials are listed for each. I encourage you to try both.

Pencil

- Pencils: H, HB, 2B (1 of each: “H” pencils are harder, “B” pencils are softer.)
- I recommend using “lead holders” or “architect’s pencils” – 2mm mechanical pencils (made by Kohinor and Staedtler, among other companies) that are easier to maintain than regular wood pencils. They require a special rotary lead pointer sharpener.)
- Strathmore 400 Series 18” x 24” “Drawing” Pad
- You could also try loose paper: Bristol Plate Smooth Finish (2 or 3 ply)
 - Rives BFK
 - Fabriano Classico
 - Newsprint is not recommended*

Charcoal

- Medium or soft vine charcoal sticks (8-12 sticks)
- General's Charcoal Pencils: HB, 2B, 4B (1 or 2 of each)
- General's White Charcoal Pencil or White Pastel Pencil (*not* a white colored pencil)
- Canson Mi-Teinte Pastel Paper (It comes in a variety of colors of 25.5" x 19.5" sheets. 2 sheets of white, 2 sheets of light grey. Charcoal papers have a tooth to them that catches and holds the charcoal.)
- Sanding pad (for sharpening charcoal pencils and vine charcoal- I highly recommend the Nitram Sanding Block over the regular small sandpaper block. (<http://www.dickblick.com/products/nitram-sharpening-bloc/>))

Other:

- Drawing board. 28” x 22” or around that size. Your board should be larger than your paper size. Often just going to a lumberyard and getting a piece of 1/8” Masonite cut down to size is the best-and cheapest-way to get one. (They also sell drawing boards in art stores that come equipped with handle holes and built in clips that can make it hard to use the board! A simple flat piece of Masonite is better.) You can also look into using ½” foam core or “gatorboard” as a lightweight alternative to Masonite.
- Two Large 2" Black Paper Clamps (for clipping paper to board)
- Straight Razor blade (for sharpening pencils-can be purchased at a hardware store. Sold in packs of 10 or more, usually used for paint scrapers)
- Straight, thin knitting needle or stick (for measuring)
- 18” Straight edge or ruler (optional)
- Kneaded eraser
- Krylon Crystal Clear Acrylic Coating (for fixing charcoal drawings at home)