

# 92Y ART CENTER

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## Travel Drawing

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### Materials

For travel drawing, you want the lightest and most convenient materials that you're excited about using. We'll talk about materials on day one and throughout the class, but here are some thoughts to get you started.

**I recommend you start class with a sketchbook, a pencil, and a few waterproof pens.**

- **Sketchbook**
  - Should be a size and weight that makes it easy to fit into the bags you usually use and also a size that you like drawing at. That could mean an 8x11 if you're a backpack carrier or a 3x6 if you're a purely pockets person (and enjoy drawing small.) For me, I love an 8x9 to feel like I have the space to spread out in my drawing, but everyone is different.
  - The kind of paper will depend on what you use to draw, but personally I like a medium thickness paper so I have the option to use pencil, pen, ink, or watercolor depending on my mood. If you're not sure, a "mixed media" or "multi purpose" paper sketchbook is a great place to start.
  - The sketchbook should make you excited to draw in it. If not, find a different sketchbook.
  - If you're unsure, come to the first class with any kind of paper. We'll talk more about materials then.
- **Pencil and Waterproof Pens**
  - Any pencil that you like will do.
  - There is nothing more tragic than a beautiful sketchbook ruined by a few drops of water. Fortunately there are a huge variety of waterproof pens. My go-to are Sakura Pigma Micron pens (widely available), but there are many great options. You can't go wrong by going into an art supply store, asking which are their waterproof pens, and trying a bunch out on those little test pads of paper. I recommend getting a selection of different thicknesses in black, and some colors if you're inclined.

### Other Materials

We'll experiment with a lot of materials in class, so don't feel the need to go out and buy a bunch of new things before class starts. But do feel free to bring in (especially to the first class) any materials you already love, use, have or are curious about. Some great materials for travel drawing include:

- Brush pens and all types of waterproof pen and marker
- Colored Pencils
- Watercolor colored pencils
- Travel Watercolors (Windsor and Newton has a great compact travel set with 14 assorted colors but there are many good choices)
- Digital drawing setups