

Hudnall's Material List
Pocosin Arts Class, 2021
Surfaces and Finishes

Below is a list of the things I will be talking about in my class.

Don't panic, the list is long, but I wanted to make sure I cover everything I'm going to talk about, and you don't need all of this stuff!

You may already have many of these things.

And you should be able to watch this class all the way through without buying anything and then make decisions about which materials you'd like to experiment with. These items can be expensive, and some have a shelf-life that makes buying them all right away a bad idea.

Here are some basics it will be nice to have, many of these will be household items:

- Clean rags (I cut up old sheets and t-shirts to about the size of a hanky)
- disposable gloves
- a good respirator with cartridges designed to block vapors and paint fumes
- glass jars with wide mouths and good fitting lids (smuckers peanut butter jars are my fav)
- stir-sticks
- a piece of screen that you can strain your paint through (I don't like the store-bought paper strainers – the mesh is too fine, and I hate the waste! I will show you my own home-made version)
- newspaper or craft paper to keep your area clean
- Sanding Block – this can just be a block of wood that fits well in your hand and has a nice flat surface to wrap sandpaper around.

Art Supply Store (online, local – dickblick.com, jerrysartorama.com, Artist and Craftsman Supply etc., Michaels and Hobby Lobby may **not** have these items – call ahead!)

- Yasutomo Sumi Ink (KF series – with shellac in it)
- Foam Brushes
 - These are cheap, and leave a good surface, but may not be good for you if you don't like waste!
- Princeton Art Brushes
 - Mixed Media brushes – I use these for a lot of smaller brush work, they aren't the cheapest or the most expensive, they leave an ok surface (great after sanding) and they last a long time.
- Wooster, Purdy – larger house painting brushes
 - I have 1.5 and 2" brushes from the paint store that work well on larger surfaces and last forever if you take care of them
- Golden brand Acrylic Paints

- Black and white gessos make great, sandable opaque surfaces that still show a bit of wood grain.
- Regular Acrylics can be mixed with water to make washes that act a bit like dyes
- Fluid acrylics are the same but are even easier to mix
- Gelly Roll brand Pens
 - gel pens that write well on painted surfaces.
 - The “Gelly Roll Moonlight” variety will even show up on dark surfaces!
- Micron Pens
 - These wear out quickly on surfaces, but look good, come in many different thicknesses, and are light-fast.
 - Try your own favorite pens, but make sure they’re lightfast!

Local Hardware Store: (Lowe's, Home Depot, Ace, True Value, etc.)

- Sandpaper
 - coarse (80-100 grit), medium (120-150 grit) and fine (180-220)
- Double-sided mounting tape
 - 3M sells “scotch-mount indoor tape” – but any comparable product will work
- “Dewaxed” Shellac
 - Zinnser’s SealCoat is a dewaxed shellac, you can also buy flakes and make your own with denatured alcohol. <https://www.shellac.net/PoundCutChart.html>
- Lacquer – 11oz spray can
 - many brands – Minwax, Watco and Deft are the most common, and my favorite is Deft
 - this is a clear topcoat that comes in gloss, semi-gloss or satin. If you aren’t sure you have the right thing, read the label – it should say “clean up with lacquer thinner” if it’s actually lacquer.
- Polyurethane
 - brush on, wipe on, etc, a good finish on it’s own,
 - 1/3 of the components for your own Danish Oil mixture
- Mineral Spirits
 - used to clean up any oil-based brushes, etc (polyurethane, linseed oil, etc.), and also good as a thinner for oil-based finishes to make them easier to apply.
 - 1/3 of the components for Danish Oil
- Drying Oils
 - tung oil or a boiled linseed oil can both be found at your local hardware store.
 - These take a long time to dry on their own (despite the name) and aren’t that durable, but can be mixed with Polyurethane and Mineral Spirits to make a great, durable, fairly fast drying finish traditionally known as “danish oil finish”.
- Paste Wax

- SCJohnson makes a good paste wax, so does Minwax.
- My favorite is "Bowling Alley Wax" from the BWC Company – available on Amazon.

Specialty Woodworking Supply stores (online, local – Woodcraft, Rockler, Stewmac.com)

- Mixol Universal Tint
 - highly concentrated tinting paste, called "universal" because it can be mixed into almost all clear finishes, water, alcohol, oils, etc.
- Old Fashioned Milk Paint Co. Paints
 - also online through their website and Amazon
 - Make powdered milk paint in a variety of colors that can be mixed with water for a no-VOC paint
 - Sandable and creates a very smooth surface
- Liberon Brand Steel wool 0000
 - pronounced "4 ought"
 - the finest "grit" oil-free steel wool
- Scotch Brite brand scrubbing pads
 - the plastic equivalent of steel wool – these are good on white or light surfaces where the steel wool might leave particles that are hard to remove
- Razertip Wood Burner System
 - available through Lee Valley online – I really like this thing!