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These are some of the materials I use. Please note, that I get no money from any of these manufacturers. They are great products and hence I'm recommending them.

I love painting on this surface.

Centurion oil primed linen

https://www.jerrysartarama.com/centurion-deluxe-oil-primed-linen-canvas

Another option is - https://www.jerrysartarama.com/ampersand-gessobord-panels

Please don't buy the cheapest surface – try to get a double primed (oil or acrylic) medium or fine tooth (weave) or panel. Cheap surfaces are not well primed with good (and very little) gesso and they are hard to paint on (and take more paint).

I also prepare boards to paint larger pieces using primer and acrylic gesso.

Paints – I use mainly Gamblin Artist Colors and some Grumbacher Pre-Tested Artist Series. I also really enjoy painting with Michael Hardings Paint. These are the colors that I typically have on my palette:

Titanium White Replacement Flake White Cadmium Yellow Light Cadmium Yellow Medium Cadmium Yellow Deep Cadmium Orange Cadmium Red Light Cadmium Red Medium Alizarin Quinacridone Red Yellow Ochre Transparent Red Oxide (Grumbacher) Viridian Permanent Green Bright (Grumbacher) Cobalt Blue Ultramarine Blue Cerulean Blue Ivory Black

Brushes

Please have a variety of bristle, soft natural hair and synthetic oil painting brushes. These are the brushes I typically use everyday:

Rosemary Brushes (https://www.rosemaryandco.com)
Masters Series 278 Long Filbert – 4,5,6,8
Masters Series 279 Long Flat – 4,5,6
Ivory Series Long Flat and Filbert – various sizes
Eclipse Flat and Filbert

Robert Simmons Signet Brushes Filberts in Sizes 2,4,6,8,10 Egbert – 6 Flat – 4,6

Robert Simmons Titanium Brushes Rounds - 0,1

I also use Princeton brushes – Synthetic Hair and Masters Series rounds, flats, that I get from Amazon. These are soft brushes.

Gamblin Gamsol (turpentine substitute) for paint thinning

Palette – I use a big surface of glass (here's a palette from Jerry's that's good). I would suggest putting some thin (1/4" or 1/8" glass inside it and use a window scraper to keep it clean.

https://www.jerrysartarama.com/masterson-air-tight-palettes-and-accessories

Brush Washer https://www.jerrysartarama.com/holbein-portable-brush-washer
Buy the size you want – there are many other choices for brush washers but get an air tight one.

Turpeniod Natural (for cleaning brush). Green label. - To clean them I use Turpenoid Natural and quite often, I leave my brushes in a glass brush cleaner overnight and wipe clean the next morning

https://www.jerrysartarama.com/silicoil-brush-cleaner

Recently, I've started leaving my brushes in (safflower or just vegetable) oil on a painting pan to keep them moist and clean.

Easel – if you plan on doing any plein air painting, you want a nice portable light easel. Here are some good ones ...

Open Box M
Prolific Painter Easel (Daytripper)
Edge Pro
Strada Box
Belly River Pochade
Z Box

Please search for any of these and their websites will come up. It becomes a matter of personal preference as they are all great boxes. You will need a tripod as well, which some of them offer, or look at B and H Photo Video (in NY). Please keep in mind to check the weight of the easel and get the tripod that is able to hold it (and not much heavier as the tripod itself can get very heavy if you are planning on doing Plein air work).

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