

Materials List for Acrylic Painting at Visions School of Art:

- ☐ Make your own “staywet” palette for acrylic paints (see video 1 in the Painting section of my website): two plastic trays (try “All Rooms” on Liffey Street, with some depth of around 1.5cm or more, no handle-holes), roll of kitchen towel and a roll of grease-proof paper (not baking parchment).
 - ☐ Tubes of “System 3” Acrylic paint 75ml Tubes, colours: Lemon Yellow, Cadmium Red, Cobalt Blue, Mars Black. Also get a 150ml tube of Titanium White if possible. Do NOT buy “heavybody” acrylic range – only buy System 3 Original. System 3 is a mid-range Acrylic paint. If you really feel like splashing out however, buy an Artists Quality range of acrylic paints - this will engender more radiant colours in your paintings, making them ‘glow’ more with vibrant colour!
 - ☐ Acrylic brushes– no need to spend a huge amount on these – the System 3 range is pretty good – buy these or something at the same level (always ask shop assistants for advice) – buy “Flats” (square brushes), sizes 1” width, and 0.5” width. You could also buy a ‘Filbert’ of .5” width, though not essential. Also buy a “round” of about 3mm diameter. If unsure about alternatives, ask, ask, ask the shop assistants!
 - ☐ 2 x A3 Canvas Boards, for your first 2 paintings. Also buy a tube of gesso (Cork Art Supplies, about E4.99) for Acrylic Painting. You will be able, if necessary, to use the next item (household brush) to put two layers of Gesso on a canvas panel or canvas before using that surface to paint on in class. Dip the brush in the gesso, and wipe off excess paint on the edges of the pot – coat the canvas or board, brushing in one direction only (length-wise or width-wise). Wait to dry for about 1 hour. Then repeat, brushing in the other direction. Leave to dry overnight before bringing the canvas or board to class.
 - ☐ Household painting brush (for painting and decorating)– 1.5” thickness, acrylic bristles – any good hardware shop. Do NOT buy brushes with black bristles!
 - ☐ bottle of slow-drying medium for acrylics.
 - ☐ 2 x Rolls of kitchen towel– try EuroGiant if you can't get these for less than E1.49
 - ☐ 4B grade pencil, rubber.
 - ☐ Photo or image that you personally find meaningful. This might be a newsclipping, a photo you took yourself, a postcard or found image, a film-still – any image that you find inspiring or you find meaningful in a personal way (without being TOO personal, needless to say!) The image needs to be in colour, and preferably as close to A4-size as possible. You can get good colour prints from computer files at Webworkhouse Cafe on Winthrop Street.
1. Please be advised to shop at Vibes & Scribes on Bridge Street, Cork, or Cork Art Supplies on Princes Street, Cork.
 2. Do not wear “good” clothes whilst painting in Acrylic – you will never wash Acrylic out!!
 3. If you are unsure or confused about any of the above, please ask during class, and I will be happy to explain or elaborate.