

The Basics of Drawing - Mary Ann McArdle

The main guideline is to purchase what your budget allows. In most cases you can find less expensive options with some variation in quality of the finished product. Remember to use coupons! AC Moore and Michaels usually have coupons online or in the newspaper. Michaels honors AC Moore coupons. You can also order online, checking out Dick Blick, Cheap Joes, Wholesale Art Supplies to name a few.

- Drawing paper pad at least 11 x 14 inches, Strathmore Drawing paper 80 lb. or similar.
- Newsprint pad for practice drawings or recycled paper (reverse side) from your computer.
- Pastel pad 9 x 12 or larger like the Canson Mi Tientes earth tones (it should have at least one black sheet in the pad)
- #2 ordinary yellow writing pencils with eraser at the top.
- #4 drawing pencil – Faber-Castel, Prismacolor Turquoise or similar.
- Eraser- Kneaded erasers work best but Pink Pearl or Staedtler Mars white plastic are good too.
- Hand sharpener- Small metallic sharpener seem to do best, make sure opening fits your pencils.
- Conte crayons (must have at least one white and one black). Colored ones are optional.
- Willow or vine charcoal (hard and/or soft)
- Paper towels or rags
- 3M Scotch Low Tack Artist Tape (or similar)
- Two 1 inch-wide black clips
- Black washable marker