

Scott Boyle's Plein Air Painting Supplies List

Here is my supply list for plein air painting. I know I'm probably overdoing this thing but for those who want to know all the details here they are. The main thing which I would consider important would be the oil colors. If you can use what I suggest I think you will learn a few things relating to efficiency, unless you are already established or using a limited palette. Also get some good brushes of the type I am recommending. Dress for the weather and bring a sun hat.

If you have questions or need help call me at 704-860-3803



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Oil Colors

Here is my list of what I call a modified limited palette. A true limited palette would be the 3 primaries and white of course. I have added 3 more, 2 red and a green. If you are new at oils or getting back into them I would encourage you to use these colors for the workshop.

Cadmium Yellow Lemon – Brands preferred are, M. Graham Cad Yellow Light, Winsor-Newton Cad Yellow Lemon, Utrecht Cad Yellow Lemon, Though Any Cadmium Yellow that is the color of a lemon skin will do but not too green. This will be your most expensive color but it will last a long time.

Cadmium Red Light – I use Rembrandt Permanent Red Medium because it is less expensive and fine quality. If you buy another brand of Cadmium Red make sure it is light! It will appear as light red, almost orange.

Ultramarine Blue or French Ultramarine Blue – Brand doesn't matter Winsor-Newton Winton Brand is fine which will save money.

Additional Oil Colors you will need.

Alizarin Crimson or Alizarin Crimson Permanent – Suggest using the permanent if you will be selling your work as it is more archival.

Transparent Red Oxide – Grumbacher PreTest works very well and is a great value, Burt Sienna will work but I suggest you try the Transparent Red Oxide because of its docile nature.

Viridian – Grumbacher PreTest works very well and is again, a great value

Titanium White – Grumbacher PreTest or Winsor-Newton Winton Brands are sufficient and the best value.

Canvas Panels – I recommend at least 2 canvas panels per day, any of these sizes: 8 x 10, 9 x 12, or 11 x 14

*If you have the money try [SourceTek Clausens #66](#) oil primed linen mounted on 1/8" Baltic Birch plywood which is my favorite.

Brushes - Hog Bristle Flats or Brights in sizes - #6, #8, #10 At least one of each though 2 of each is best. If you are new to oils please try these brushes

*One soft rigger - red sable type of brush for adding a few details

I use Robert Simmons Signet Bristle Brights, though there are many other good brands

Palette and Paint Knives – One Palette Knife approx. 2" x ¾" with a rounded tip for mixing is a must. A second Palette Painting Knife is not necessary, but helpful to have approx. 1 ½ " x ½" with a pointed tip for adding texture to a painting.

Suggested Medium for working Outdoors - Gamblin Galkyd Lite 8 ounce bottle. This is what you can thin your paints with and will speed the drying.

Paint Thinner – Gamblin Gamsol, which is OMS orderless mineral spirits. This is the best and can be reused again and again. Buy a 32 oz. can which can be used over and over. You can use any type of mineral spirits but the Gamsol is worth the money.

Brush Washer - It would be good to get a good quality metal airtight container for you paint thinner pictured below. When I mean good quality I mean on in the \$35 - \$55 range. Don't waste money on a \$20 can...they will leak after a short time. For a tight budget you could use a Jiffy Peanut Butter plastic jar with a lid and lay some wire mesh or scrubby pad at the bottom to clean the bristles.



Palettes – I highly recommend a wooden palette and would preach against white or paper palettes outdoors. Other materials are ok but should be a grey or natural color to relieve eye strain in the sun. Most outdoor easels will include a palette

Paper Towels – Viva paper towels are the best for painting! It is worth the extra 50 cents you will pay per roll. Bring 1 rolls per day. And 2 plastic grocery bags for trash per day.

Painting Clothes - Dark or neutral color clothing is recommended to avoid glare on the canvas. Comfortable shoes/boots, a sun hat with a large brim, Dress for changing temperatures

ACCESSORIES –

- *Always have a few Snacks and Bottled Water to stay hydrated and strengthened
- *Sunscreen
- *Insect repellent - for you, your clothes and your painting area
- *Umbrella and a large garbage bag to cover you easel and paints in case of rain
- *A light weight stool to sit if you prefer
- *Small Sketch Pad and Pencil

Outdoor Easels



Winsor Newton portable Easel about \$40
[Winsor & Newton Aluminum Bristol Easels](#)



This is the French Easel originally by Jullian but made by many different makers and can be purchased for as low as \$99 which includes a palette
<http://www.dickblick.com/products/blick-french-easel-by-jullian/>



Open M Box are great quality, this is the type I own. price around \$300
These require a separate tripod.
Open Box M 1-800-473-8098
www.openboxm.com



This is the EasyL by Artwork Essentials around \$250 which includes a tripod

949-856-2196

www.artworkessentials.com



**Soltek Portable Easel
Portable aluminum easel price \$450**

Here are the oil colors and 2 painting knives I am recommending at [Dick Blick](#) online which will give you an idea the lowest price. By the way, the Winton Brand from Winsor & Newton is a Student Grade, all others are Artist Oil Colors

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00430-3063	WINTON OIL/PERM ALIZ CRIM 37ML In Stock	\$2.90	<input type="text" value="1"/>	\$2.90	Remove To Wishlist
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