

Plein Air Pastel Landscapes Basic Starter Supply List

Portable Easel

A full or half French easel or pochade box style setup both work well.

Basic Pastel Sets

The following are basic dry pastel sets that will give you a variety of color. Rembrandt and Nupastel are a bit on the hard side. Sennelier is very soft pastel. Please don't buy oil pastels. Dry pastels only.

Set of Rembrandt 30 half sticks - <http://www.dickblick.com/items/20026-1309/>

Nupastel Set of 36 - <http://www.dickblick.com/items/20034-3609/>

Sennelier Half Sticks Set of 30. <http://www.dakotapastels.com/pages/setlists10/snsland30.htm>

Pastel Papers and Boards

Below are a few good choices to start. Like pastels, there is a large variety here but they all have one thing in common and that is a course or sanded surface. Keep sizes relatively modest at first if you are beginning. 8x10, 9x12, 11x14 or 12x16 are all fine. There are color choices here too. Whites, creams, grays are good but not mandatory. Please avoid Canson paper or any paper without a gritty or sanded feeling to it. Pastel surfaces feel similar to sand paper.

Ampersand pastel boards - <http://www.dickblick.com/items/08910-1022/>

UArt Pastel paper 400 grit - <http://www.dickblick.com/items/10725-4023/>

Art Spectrum Colourfix - <http://www.dickblick.com/items/10716-1013/>

Masking tape, glassine or smooth paper to tape over your work for protection when finished. I have used simple sheets of gift wrap and that works well too and its inexpensive. A wet panel carrier works well if you work on a pastel board.

You will need a hard surface to tape or clip your pastel paper or board to. A drawing board with clamps is great but you can buy any piece of smooth hard board like masonite with any clips strong enough to hold your surface works just fine.

A small sketch book with a 4b or darker pencil and an eraser. A flat or bright watercolor brush size 8 or 10.

A small container of rubbing alcohol for washes.

Papertowels.

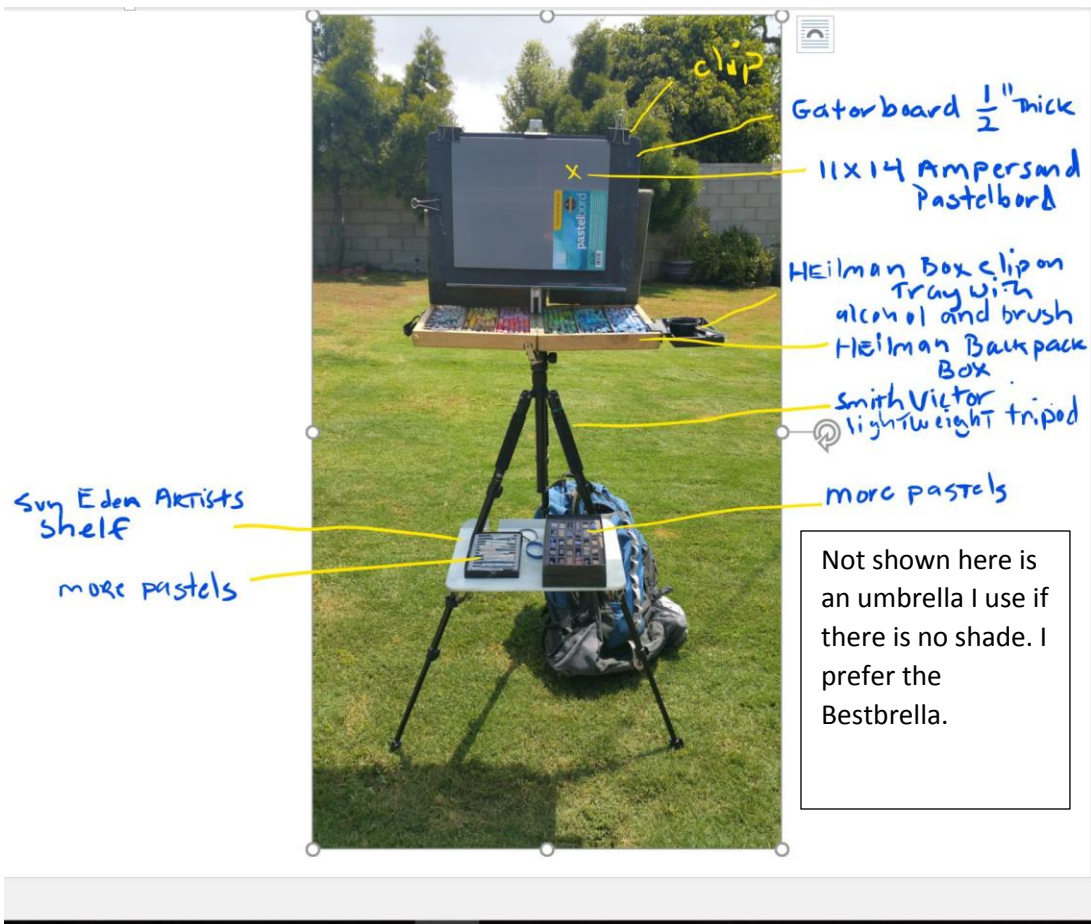
A "Viewcatcher" to help find my compositions while on location is a very helpful tool.

<http://www.dickblick.com/products/viewcatcher/>

Dakota Art Pastels is a great source for everything pastel.

<http://www.dakotapastels.com/pages/index.aspx>

Joe's Current Setup



Full French Easel Setup

