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### *Fundamentals of Drawing – Online*

**Most of the following supplies may be purchased at the League’s art supply store,** located in the lobby.

The basic materials you will need for this class is a pencil, an eraser, and a piece of paper. If you have this, we can get started.

Below is a list of other recommended materials. This is in part a suggestion for what pencil, eraser, and paper to use as well as a reference for other materials you may want to try in the future.

Pencil (we will start the class with pencil.):

Pencils: H, HB, 2B (1 of each: “H” pencils are harder, “B” pencils are softer.)

Strathmore 400 Series “Drawing” Paper, Bristol Plate Smooth Finish paper, or another type of quality drawing paper. Multiple sheets or a pad, 18” x 24” if you have the room to draw large, if not then use 11” x 14”.

Note: Newsprint is not recommended for this class

Charcoal:

I recommend trying charcoal at some point in the class. It is a great drawing material with a broader value range than pencil and different expressive qualities.

- Vine charcoal (medium or soft, at least 6 sticks)
- Generals Charcoal Pencils (HB, 2B, 4B)
- Generals White Charcoal Pencil
- Charcoal Paper, 4 sheets: Canson Mi-Teintes pastel/charcoal paper. Middle-value blue, grey, or brown, 19” x 25” or smaller pads of charcoal paper.
- Nitram Charcoal Shaper (sanding pad for sharpening Nupastel or Vine Charcoal) Razor blade for sharpening (like the blades that go in paint scrapers)

Other Supplies:

Drawing board: Your board should be larger than your paper size (so 20” x 26” if you are using a full sheet of the Canson Paper). Often just going to a lumberyard and getting a piece of 1/8” Masonite cut down to size is the best-and cheapest-way to get one. (They also sell drawing boards in art stores that come equipped with handle-holes and built-in clips that can make it hard to use the board! A simple flat piece of Masonite is better.) You can also look into using 1/2” foam core or “gatorboard” as a lightweight (and more easily cuttable) alternative to Masonite.

- Two Large 2" Black Paper Clamps (for clipping paper to board)
- Kneaded eraser and/or white "pencil eraser" (also called a retractable eraser)
- Sketchbook
- Straight, thin knitting needle or stick (for measuring)
- Optional: yard stick or long straight edge.
- Optional: Krylon Crystal Clear Acrylic Coating or Sennelier Delacroix Spray Fixative for Pencils and Charcoal (for fixing charcoal drawings at home to protect them. You do not really need to spray pencil drawings.)
- Optional: Glasseine (for protecting and storing charcoal drawings, sold in rolls)
- Optional: Portfolio for transporting and storing paper and drawings (do not roll your drawings!)