

CHINESE BRUSH PAINTING

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SUPPLY LIST

Students should bring to class the following:

- Water containers, like a white ceramic or plastic bowl. A couple of glass jars or plastic tubs will do.
- Paper towels—you will need a whole roll for the 6 week class
- White divided ceramic or plastic palette or white ceramic dishes for mixing colors (Michael's has white plastic palettes with deep round sections that look like cupcake pans). Best source of white ceramic plates and bowls is World Market or Bed Bath & Beyond—look for sushi dishes. Get at least one large white plate.
- Piece of felt (1/2 yard), in black or dark blue to be used under your rice paper (newspaper can be used temporarily). Joanne's next to Raley's in Chico has it.

SHOPPING LIST:

- **Ellis Art and Engineering Supplies, 122 Broadway in Chico:**
 - Yasutomo **Sumi Sketch paper pads or rolls** (yes the pad is \$18, but you get almost 100 9 x 12 inch half sheets out of it!) or Richardson roll or tablet of "rice paper."
 - Ink stone (and get a solid ink stick if you prefer to grind your ink)
 - Set of Yasutomo CHINESE watercolors—this has the correct selection of colors for Chinese art
 - Get a small "Happy Dot" detail brush, but **NOT the bigger "Red Pony" brushes** here.
- **House of Rice (338 Broadway, Chico)**
 - Large and medium Chinese brushes (These are better than the ones at Ellis!)
 - Inkstone (don't get the plastic one if possible), ink stick or liquid ink. Get the liquid ink bottle for class.
 - **PLEASE DO NOT BUY the packages of rice paper** at House of Rice for painting—it is too thin and delicate for painting. Yes it's much cheaper than the Sumitomo sketch pad, but it is not workable for painting.
 - Woven shushi mat to carry your brushes in.
- Better brushes and papers are available at www.orientalartsupply.com, as well as at www.blueheronarts.com. Oriental Art Supply's "OAS practice roll" is 50 feet for \$12—nice xuan practice paper similar to the Yasutomo sketch pad & good price. Both of these sources have decent starter brushes for good prices, and "student sets" that are a good buy. If you want one good brush get the medium size Orchid Bamboo at Oriental Art Supply (\$32), along with a Happy Dot detail brush.
- Books: There are lots of nice how-to books on Chinese brush painting—please yourself. You can buy Mai Mai Sze's classic, The Way of Chinese Painting, used, for almost nothing on line.

