

Gel Plate Printing Workshop – Printing without a Press

Materials List

Instructor: Deb Drummond

Gel Plate- Gelli Arts™ or Gel Press™ plates: (**Not Speedball-contact me if you have one and are not sure which brand it is.**)

Recommended sizes: Minimum 6 x 6”- 8 x 10 or 11 x 14” are good. Generally available at large craft stores or online: Blick (<https://www.dickblick.com/products/gelli-arts-gel-printing-plates/>), Michaels, as well as Amazon or direct from the manufacturers at Gelli Arts (<https://www.gelliarts.com>) and Gel Press (<http://gelpress.com>)

Brayer- 4” recommended Gelli Arts, Gel Press or Speedball SOFT rubber speedball brayer. (<https://www.dickblick.com/products/speedball-soft-rubber-brayers/?fromSearch=%2Fsearch%2F%3Fq%3Dspeedball%2520baren>).

Acrylic Paint- Just about any regular fluid or tube acrylic paint, student or professional grade. A few transparent colors are nice to have (Quinacrodone, Pthalos, etc.). Golden OPEN and printers inks dry too slowly for this workshop.)

Papers to print on - We will go through lots of paper - Bring to class any of the below you have: Plain ol’ Copy paper, sketch paper, tracing paper, vellum, bristol pads, watercolor or printmaking paper (ex: Rives BFK). Rice paper, mulberry, tissue papers, deli papers and parchment papers (available on Amazon or Blick for example). Pre-printed papers and painted papers - maps, sheet music, magazine pages, papers from the recycle bin, etc. Colored papers such as construction or Canson.

Old sketch book or other papers for rolling off excess paint.

(These make excellent collage material!)

Cleaning: Rags or Paper towels, baby wipes, rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer.

Spray bottle for water

Masking Tape

Scissors /xacto

OPTIONAL:

Baren for rubbing the paper on the plate. Blick makes an economy one that is perfect: <https://www.dickblick.com/products/blick-economy-baren/>.

Acrylic markers like Posca Pens, gel pen, pan pastels, stencils, etc.

String or thread, ribbon, empty thread spool, silicon potholders or sink mats, pieces of window screening, stencils, combs, bubble wrap, Q tips, etc.(Nothing sharp that might cut the plate.)

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions: artofax@gmail.com