



The Sketching Kit

Get ready to build your go to kit for all things sketching!

	<p>First off: your Sketchbook!</p> <p>Recommended size: 9" x 12" - this is up to you, but you can create small and large sketches inside this size of book and still slip it easily into a bag.</p> <p>I also recommend buying a minimum 140lb/300gsm weight paper - this is to absorb the water of your painting and not lose integrity of the paper.</p>	<p>My favorite brands:</p> <p>Moleskine Watercolor</p> <p>Stilman and Birn Zeta Series</p> <p>Crescent Sketchbooks (note - this one is not for watercolor!)</p>
	<p>Watercolor Travel Set</p>	<p>My fave:</p> <p>Windsor and Newton</p>
	<p>Pencils</p> <p>these are hard, light coloured leads that do not leave a lot of debris on paper and do not really require erasing</p>	<p>4H and 6H</p>
	<p>Brushes</p> <p>no more than 3, and honestly the bigger in size the better</p>	<p>My faves:</p> <p>1/4" angle shader</p> <p>1/2" & 3/4" flats</p> <p>8 round</p>
	<p>Permanent Art Markers</p>	<p>My preferred brands:</p>

	size 0.1mm, 0.3mm and 0.8mm, or a starter bundle	Faber Castell Staedler Migon
	An eraser - truly any will do	
	Paper Towel - don't be afraid to use and reuse!	
	Small pouch for your supplies	
	Small water canister, optional spray bottle	

Helpful Hints and Tricks

Keep it nearby!

- This kit slips easily into any purse or bag and can be carried without much fuss. The idea is that you can set up and clean up, quickly and efficiently. This kit won't take up much space, so if all you have is a corner of the kitchen table, no problem.

Be Prolific

- Huh? Draw a lot! The beauty of a sketchbook is twofold. First, no one can see it but you, and second if you don't love what you're doing, turn the page and start again. Over time your sketchbook collection becomes a working diary of your progress as an artist.

Challenge yourself!

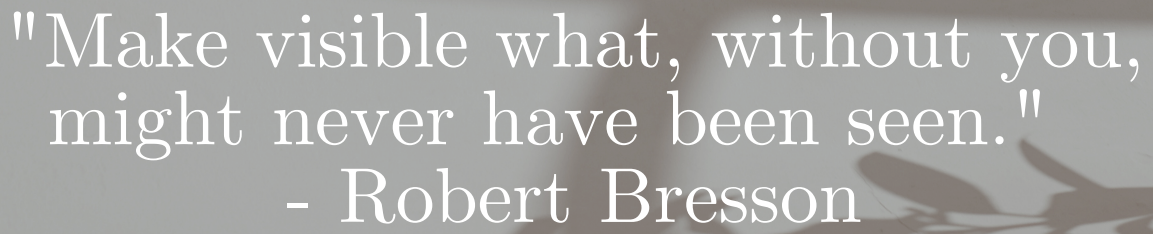
- can you break up with your eraser?
- what if you only used a pen to sketch with?

Best bang for buck?

- if money is an issue, I would focus first on quality paper, second on quality paint and last on quality brushes. Pens are about \$3-5 or \$20 for a starter kit. Don't worry about being too precious with these - they will burn out over time and you will need new ones.

Fear of perfection?

- go middle of the road on supplies. One of my biggest early hangups was not using my supplies because they were too nice. If you're afraid of the Prismacolor pencil crayons, go with Crayola to start. It is the artist (YOU!) not the tools, that makes the masterpiece. Promise.



"Make visible what, without you,
might never have been seen."
- Robert Bresson

Skills You Already Have

- *a creative itch*
- *the curiosity that brought you here <3*

Skills You Need

- *patience with yourself*
- *permission to be new at something*
- *willingness to say 'I don't know'*
- *a sense of play*

An Initial List of Prompts for fun!

Try these in your sketchbook, one day at a time:

- ☐ your coffee cup
- ☐ the teapot
- ☐ your desk lamp
- ☐ your fur child
- ☐ your shoes
- ☐ the tree outside your window
- ☐ a color wheel from your watercolor kit
- ☐ a color grid from your watercolor kit
- ☐ a list of rules for your sketchbook - [here are mine!](#)

