

Ghost Ranch

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MATERIALS LIST

Drawing from Nature: Autumn Leaves

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Recommended SOURCE: *This online source offers great savings—40% or more: dickblick.com. Alternatively, a local source in Santa Fe.*

- **Leaves:** We will find specimens to draw on our walks around the Ranch, and I will provide more from my (dry) collection. But feel free to bring one (or more) from wherever you live, if they especially inspire you.
- **Hot Press watercolor paper:** Arches Bright White “Aquarelle” Hot Press, 140 lb. (Blick #10033-1042): 1 or 2 sheets, 22”x30”, cut into quarters.
- **Tracing paper pad, 9”x12”**
- **Graphite pencils:** 4H, 2H, 2B, 4B (*Should be all same brand. I prefer Staedtler Mars Lumograph. A set of 12 is not required but is most economical.*)
- **Colored pencils** (*Important: Please do not substitute other brands. These pencils are oil-based, not waxy.*):
 - Faber-Castell “Polychromos” Set of 24 (*minimum*) (Blick #20561-0249)
 - Faber-Castell “Polychromos” #175 (Dark Sepia) (Blick #20538-8080)
 - Prismacolor #PC 914 (Cream) (Blick #20508-1101)
 - Prismacolor #PC 938 (White) (Blick #20508-1001)
- **Watercolor pencils** (Faber-Castell “Albrecht Durer”, *to layer with F-C Polychromos colored pencils*):
 - #205 Cadmium yellow lemon (Blick #20538-4180)
 - #107 Cadmium yellow (Blick #20538-4200)
 - #183 Light yellow ochre (Blick #20538-4830)
 - #121 Pale geranium lake (Blick #20538-3750)
 - #125 Middle purple pink (Blick #20538-6050)
 - #115 Dark cadmium orange (Blick #20538-4910)
 - #167 Permanent green olive (Blick #20538-7060)
 - #136 Purple violet (Blick #20538-6060)
 - #283 Burnt Sienna (Blick #20538-8040)
- **Prismacolor Colorless Blender Pencil** (Blick #20508-1010)
- **Sakura Koi Round Water Brush**, size 6, medium (Blick #09094-1020) (*essential for use with watercolor pencils*)
- **Caran d’Ache Palette Aquarelle** (Blick #04862-1025) (*also essential for use with watercolor pencils*)
- **Tombow “Mono Zero” Elastomer Eraser, 2.3mm** (Blick #21576-9330)
- **General’s Factic BM2 Mechanical Eraser** (Blick #21597-2020)
- **Faber-Castell Kneaded Eraser** (Blick #21019-2611)
- **Magnifying glass** (3” diameter or wider) (*optional*)
- **Muji manual pencil sharpener** (*this model is esp. good for colored pencils, giving a long, sharp point*)
- **Ruler** (*see-through plastic*)
- **Artist’s tape** (*I use white, ½” or ¼” width*)
- **X-Acto Knife**
- **Paper towels**
- **Desk broom or feather** to sweep away erasures
- **Optional:**
 - **Sketching paper pad, 9”x12”** (*smooth, such as Blick #13650-1023*) (*Note: I just use tracing paper*)
 - **Magnifying glass** (3” diameter or wider)
 - **Digital camera or tablet** (*very useful*)
- I will provide (or bring if you have):
 - **Embossing tools**
 - **Stumps & Tortillons** (*for blending graphite*)
 - **Drawing board or foam core, 12x16” or larger**