Toscana Americana Workshops
2027 Season



Painting Light: En Plein Air Watercolor in Tuscany!

with Artist/Instructor *Giselle Harrington*

For your convenience, I have made a shopping list on Amazon. The shopping list does not include water container, water bottles, paper towels, office clips, or parts of the easel set-up other than a tripod (scroll down for details): https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3F22U0AS56K3H?ref_=wl_share

• Tube paints are preferable. Paint colors you will need: - alizarin crimson - cadmium yellow - viridian green (or phthalocyanine green, or Winsor green, depending on brand) - ultramarine blue - cobalt blue (optional) - cerulean blue.

Winsor and Newton professional grade, Daniel Smith, Holbein and Schmincke brands are all reliable.

• Plastic foldable palette. PLEASE SET UP YOUR TUBE PAINTS IN THE PALETTES AT LEAST 24 HOURS AHEAD OF TIME, IN SIMILAR ORDER TO THE ONE PICTURED BELOW (spaces left for adding new paint colors to your palette in future. The paint pictured between ultramarine blue and cerulean blue is cobalt blue. Also pictured but not required are cadmium red and yellow ochre, near the cadmium yellow. Professional paints that are different but similar in hue will be acceptable alternatives):



• Two round brushes sizes about 12 and 6. I really like this set of four brushes: da Vinci Brushes 5598 Casaneo Large Round (Sizes 5,6,8,10) Artist Brush Set

• Paper: 140 lb watercolor paper, size optional (I like 9”x12” or 10”x14”), hot or cold pressed according to personal preference. Have some cheaper paper such as a 30 sheet pad of 9x12 Canson XL Watercolor paper for quick studies and tests, as well as about 5 -10 sheets of good, 100% cotton watercolor paper (Arches, Saunders Waterford, Fabriano, Fluid, Baohong, New York Central are all decent).

• Graphite pencil (mechanical pencil is fine)

• Hi-polymer plastic eraser

• Decent stool

• About 24 oz plastic container for water such as a recycled yogurt container

• 2-3 plastic bottles for water (such as a Dasani 20 oz disposable bottle)

• Paper towels (a full roll should cover the week per student)

• A couple large office clips to hold paper to board

• A lightweight easel. There is no good one-stop-shop for this, so I have recommendations: see below. Registered students may contact me with questions/ for suggestions.

THE LIGHTWEIGHT PLEIN AIR EASEL:

In general: an easel needs a board on which to fix your paper, and a tray to hold water and other supplies.

The only one-stop-shop that I know of is this **Meeden plein air easel**, but it is a bit flimsy and will be a headache with wind: https://meedenart.com/products/mdbschj-artist-watercolor-field-easel

With any of the other options I've found below, you'll need a standard **tripod**, such is the one I have included in the Amazon shopping link. Please note that I have not used these, and that these are Etsy sellers who may run out of supplies, so get your easel early if possible and test it out.

For some of these, you also need to get a **tray**. There is a wide-mouth beach chair tray you can use, which fits on the front two legs of the tripod: Camco 51834 Tray Zero Gravity Chair https://www.amazon.com/dp/B073CXT959/?coliid=I2C02G6TFDEQDA&colid=3F22U0AS56K3H&ref_=list_c_wl_lv_ov_lig_dp_it&th=1

Option A: Lightweight Watercolor Plein Air Easel For Any Tripod, $135

https://www.etsy.com/listing/1840201297/lightweight-watercolor-plein-air-easel?ls=s&ga_order=most_relevant&ga_search_type=all&ga_view_type=gallery&ga_search_query=plein+air+board&ref=sr_gallery-1-5&sr_prefetch=1&pf_from=search&frs=1&sts=1&content_source=ecc7577d-4cd9-42cd-89e2-1aeb2abc173d%253ALT00662401656926d2f80a123a77928104a7f7a0eb&organic_search_click=1&logging_key=ecc7577d-4cd9-42cd-89e2-1aeb2abc173d%3ALT00662401656926d2f80a123a77928104a7f7a0eb

Option B: No. 17 Flex Easel™ V2.0, $180 (+ you need to buy a tray of some kind such as the above mentioned beach chair tray)

https://guerrillapainter.com/collections/no-17-flex-easel/products/flex-easel

Option C: Easelock Deluxe™ with Tripod Mount, $120 (+ you need to buy a tray of some kind such as the above mentioned beach chair tray)

https://www.etsy.com/listing/4352838900/easelock-deluxe-with-tripod-mount?ls=s&ga_order=most_relevant&ga_search_type=all&ga_view_type=gallery&ga_search_query=plein+air+tripod&ref=sr_gallery-1-16&sr_prefetch=1&pf_from=search&sts=1&content_source=478158f6-2c19-454d-afcc-49777d913b98%253ALTdea53e413ddf3e31f7cdd9df52755319489462ee&organic_search_click=1&logging_key=478158f6-2c19-454d-afcc-49777d913b98%3ALTdea53e413ddf3e31f7cdd9df52755319489462ee

Option D: Pochade box for PLEIN AIR painting, outdoor & portable artist easel, lightweight box for oil paints, gift for artist. $233 (or any pochade box that has a tripod adapter attachment on the back)

https://www.etsy.com/listing/1671624763/pochade-box-for-plein-air-painting?ls=s&ga_order=most_relevant&ga_search_type=all&ga_view_type=gallery&ga_search_query=plein+air+tripod&ref=sr_gallery-1-20&sr_prefetch=1&pf_from=search&frs=1&content_source=478158f6-2c19-454d-afcc-49777d913b98%253ALTa657a5a3b3db07384215166a9fc02410990d6ce4&organic_search_click=1&logging_key=478158f6-2c19-454d-afcc-49777d913b98%3ALTa657a5a3b3db07384215166a9fc02410990d6ce4

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