

Plant Illustration, with Julia Emiliani | Suggested Materials List

Flowers or plant and a container

We will be creating still lifes of a plant in a container, so participants will need these to reference! The plant can be anything from flowers you pick outside, from your local flower shop, or a house plant/ succulent you already have! Fake flowers even work. If you choose to work with flowers, come prepared with a small arrangement of a few flowers and place them in a container of your choice - a favorite mug, a terra cotta pot, a glass vase, or my favorite, a recycled can. You can get really creative here! If you choose to work with your houseplant, no need to make a special arrangement here (only if you want to!) - just work with the plant as-is!

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For this workshop, participants will be working with wet media in color on thick paper. Participants can choose from working with markers or paint (or combining the two) depending on what you have! Whatever you choose to work with, you'll need your material to produce both thin and thick strokes to get the amount of detail we're looking for. Here are suggested materials for each:

Markers:

(*) = necessary for best results

- *For thick strokes in color: A set of [Posca paint markers](#) or a set of [ink-based markers](#)
- For thin strokes in color: A set of [color gel pens](#) or [thin sharpies](#)
- *For thin strokes white: [White gel pens](#) or [white paint markers](#)
- *For thin strokes in black: [thin black sharpies](#) or [thin black paint markers](#)
- Markers with a dual tip can work here too.

Paint:

- Gouache paint in any brand -- I like [Hoblein Acrylca gouache](#), or
- [Acrylic paint](#)
- [Palette paper](#) or a [plastic palette](#)
- A set of brushes including at least one small round brush and one mid-sized flat brush like [in this set](#)
- Either a range of colors including at least the primary colors and white.

Paper:

Any of the following types of paper will work:

- [Canvas paper](#) *necessary if working in Acrylics
- [Watercolor paper](#)
- [Mixed Media paper](#)
- Paper should be sized to 5"x7"

Other:

- A pencil for sketching
- Scrap paper and/or paper towel
- (for paint) a cup and water