

white line workshop with annie bissett

materials list

WOOD - 9x12 is a good size for a one-day workshop. Try 3/8-inch shina or basswood plywood from [McClain's Printmaking](#), or go to a lumber or craft store and get a piece of soft wood like birch, basswood, pine... Shina is lovely, but any wood will work.

SMALL V-GOUGE CHISEL -

This chisel should be made for wood, not linoleum. You can find a Power Grip v-gouge on [Amazon](#) for about \$10, or look for a *sankaku* chisel at [McClain's](#) (3.0mm). Alternately you can use an X-Acto knife made for wood, with a heavy-duty handle and a #24 blade for instance.



PAPER - A printmaking paper designed for etching is a perfect paper. You're looking for a paper with a fairly smooth surface (watercolor paper is too toothy), and medium weight (175 gsm maximum). Some possibilities include Rives Heavyweight (BFK is too thick), Dick Blick's "Domestic Etching" paper, or Awagami Bamboo paper. If you already have some paper you may want to try a couple of different types and compare. You'll only need one sheet, which we'll cut down to size in the workshop.

AN IMAGE - You can begin with a photo or an image you created in another media (painting, etc.), but please convert the image to a simplified line drawing *on a piece of tracing paper*. An abstract line image is fine; it doesn't have to be representational but it must have linework. If your wood is the recommended 9x12 inch size, prepare your image at around 8x10 so you'll have some room on the block to hinge the paper. Here's a [post from my blog](#) with some examples of white line prints to help you think about and prepare your tracing paper image.

ALSO HAVE READY:

Tracing paper
Transfer or carbon paper
Scissors, paper tearer, or metal ruler & blade
Mechanical pencil
Thumb tacks (5 or 6)
Masking tape
A spoon - stainless steel, silver, or wood

A bone folder (**optional**)
Tubed or pan watercolors or gouache
Various watercolor brushes (mostly small, up to 1/2" wide)
A couple of rags or paper towels
A jar or cup to hold water
Small paint pots or a palette
Spray bottle (**optional**)