

Supplies List





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Here is my essential supplies list to help you navigate a maze of pens and set you up to continue your Calligraphy practice at home.

There are recommendations for pens, paper and places to buy them, along with how to care for your new pens and even a little practise sheet you can print off at home to help you on your way.

Big Love

Practice

When practicing it's important to try and stay consistent, your initial practice is about building muscle memory. Once you feel confident with your basic strokes you'll find it easier to use different pens.

In the workshop you used a **Pentel Touch Sign Brush Pen**

This is the best beginners pen I have found, and trust me, I have tried them all!

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Heads Up! If you're buying this in a shop please make sure you're getting the pen with the subtle glitter through the casing, there is an identical pen with a hard nib and a solid black casing, avoid this one.



Small Brush Pens



01 PENTEL TOUCH SIGN BRUSH PEN

An excellent beginners pen, hardy and durable, this pen will take on all you give it and still stay fresh. It also comes in a range of beautiful colours.



02 TOMBOW FUDENOSUKE

Another small nib brush pen which good for beginners. It has a slightly harder nib than the Pentel. There is a soft and hard tip available.



03 ZEBRA FUDE BRUSH PEN

A beautiful pen though the nib dulls quickly and your hairlines will not stay thin if you're heavy handed. One for the more experienced.



04 PENS TO AVOID

Anything that is pitched for watercolour painting with a flexible nylon tip. This is more like a brush than a pen and will be difficult to handle.

Large Brush Pens



01 ZIG GRAPHIC TWIN MARKERS

With a rubber tip this pen is an excellent choice as the nib does not fray, I prefer these to the next pens!.



02 TOMBOW DUAL TIP

These are the pens you see everyone using online however they are tricky to master and fray really quickly! Better for when you're a bit more confident with your drills.



03 KARIN MARKERS PRO

Lovely and inky but can end up leaking on to your hands. Lovely to blend colours together.



04 ECOLINE BRUSH PEN

If you like it Big, Thick and Inky then this is the pen for you. Great for blending but often hard to control.

**HOT
TIP**

These nibs are much larger so you will need to scale up your lettering to use them,

Proper Pen Care



- *Store your pens nib down where possible to keep the nibs wet and ink flowing. If nib down is not possible horizontal is second best!*
- *Be gentle, these nibs are all fibre tipped and won't take to kindly to scrubbing on paper.*
- *Use a smooth paper too, anything too rough will fray your nibs.*
- *Ink will 'bleed' on inkjet paper and ruin your hard work, or at least make it soft focus!*
- *Don't Share your pens! You'll become really precious about your pens, that's totally ok and all part of the process of becoming a pen- addict. Welcome to the club.*

Paper

For General Practice

Laser Printer Paper

Always go for laser printer paper, never inkjet as this is too absorbent and your ink will bleed. You're aiming for the best you can afford, 100- 120gsm is ideal.

*For going mobile – if you'd like to take your pens away with you the **Rhodia Dot Pad** are great. These come with dotted guides to help you keep consistent sized letters. This paper is really smooth and perfect for practice.*

*You can also look for **Claire Fontaine** paper as this is good for calligraphy though usually a little more expensive.*

Tracing Paper or Vellum

Goldline Popular Tracing Pad is great if you're looking to go through your workbook again - use tracing paper to practice your drills. It can also be called Vellum if you're looking online.

Paper To Avoid

Whatever you do, and as much as it sounds like you should use it, please avoid 'Calligraphy Paper'. This is usually very rough parchment and is the kiss of death for your nibs.

Shop Local

The logo for 'draw!' features the word in a stylized, hand-drawn font with a blue and white marbled texture. The exclamation point is also stylized with a red and white striped pattern.The logo for 'NIKKI'S SUPPLY STORE' consists of the text in a clean, white, sans-serif font, centered within a solid pink circle.

D DRAW ART STORE

Located in De Courcy's Arcade, Cresswell lane, they stock a huge range of Japanese imported pens. You'll find Sakura, Kuretake and Tombow in here along with some other exciting finds! !.

N NIKKI'S SUPPLY STORE

Based in Dundee with an online store there's so much lovely stuff that Nikki has curated, if you're into Bullet Journaling then this is definitely the place for you.



M MILLERS ART STORE

The shop is located on Stockwell street in Glasgow but you can also buy online from their sister company Greyfriars Art.

The 'Shop Local' logo is written in a white, bubbly, cursive script font, set against a pink circular background.

S SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ART SHOP

If you're not local to Glasgow visit your local Art Shop, support the independents before you head to the bigger stores. We all really appreciate your support!

HOT TIP

Click on the names to visit the online stores,

Shop Online

Ok, so sometimes you have to go further afield to get supplies, but I still try to keep it indie where possible. Here are some of my favourite independent places online to buy from.



SCRIBBLERS



CULT PENS



JET PENS



JACKSONS ART



TOM'S STUDIO

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