# Acrylic Painting - Supplies

## The first step is to find a good local art supply store. There are lots of arts and crafts stores but the stores dedicated to art supplies are the one that are going to give you the best selection and prices.

Buy your Acrylic paints in 2 oz / 60 ml tubes, and **try not get those marked with ‘hue ’** as they are low in pigment**.** Lately they have started selling paints that are ‘**Cadmium free**’. Again if you can, stay away from these as well, as the pigment is low. But having said this some times it is all that you can get.

Buy **White** in as large a tube as possible as you will use lots of it. Buy a quality brand of Titanium white paint, not an inexpensive label.

I recommend you ‘prep’ your canvas with Cadmium Orange and lately with Red Oxide, so buy these in large inexpensive tubes. They are the ones that all colours are the same price. If you can not find Red Oxide in a large inexpensive tube wait until you can buy it in a tub i.e. regular paint on sale.

Below the **\*\*** are the basic colours you should buy. You will find there are boxes of paints but unless marked down they are not really the best buy as you will get colours that you will not use.

Prices depend on brand. Do not get student quality! The less you pay the poorer is the quality of paint and colour.i.e. it has less pigment, lots of water and filler. Make sure the brand Liquitex are labeled **‘HEAVY’.**

***Basic Colours To Start* *Colours to Get Later Colours to Get Much Later Not All***

**\*\*Cadmium Yellow Medium** Yellow Ochre

**\*\* Cadmium Yellow Dark** Naples Yellow – med. and light

**\*\*Cadmium Orange** Naphthol Orange

**\*\*Cadmium Red Light**

**\*\* Cadmium Red Medium** Cadmium Red Deep

\*\* **Alizeran Crimson**

\*\***Quinacridone Red** Quinacridone Violet

**\*\*Dioxazine Violet (Purple)**

**\*\*Hookers Green** Sap Green (may substitute for hookers) Pthalo Green

**\*\*Emerald Green** Cadmium Green Pthalo Turquois

Chromium Green

Brilliant Yellow Green

**\*\*Ultramarine Blue** Colbalt Blue

**\*\*Cerulean Blue** Pthalo Cerulean blue Burnt Sienna Manganese Blue Raw Sienna

Raw Umber

Teal

Mars Black

Paynes Grey

\*\***Titanium White**…. **Large tube**

## \*\*Cadmium Orange --- Large inexpensive tube

## Brushes make sure they are labeled for acrylic use only!

* Best brushes are\*\***Filberts**, which have a curved/round end, flat sides. Get 3 sizes, long handles, approx. prices for8 - $15.
* Optional are those with a straight end - long handles. best for painting buildings.
* You will need one very small tapered brush for detail and signing your name

## Canvas

## Boards or Stretch Canvases - 8 x 10, 11 x 14, 16 x 20 are easy to use sizes to begin with

Stretched canvas are best as then they are easy to hang – no need for a frame.

## Other items

Palette … Make sure it is Large. Can reuse a Styrofoam meat tray or you can buy a disposable palette that has coated paper you can throw out after each use. There are now plastic palettes you can scrap paint off after it dries.

Water container – Reuse a large yogurt container Saran wrap to cover your palette at home

Water bottle, to spritz your palette to keep our paint moist Paper towels chalk