

Materials for Free Style Chinese Brush Painting 2024-25

Former Students:

Those who have already studied the subject before may already have equipment and should just bring whatever you have with you – don't replace anything if it is still useable.

All new students:

If you are not sure that this is for you, we are trying to keep your costs down. Rothsay has purchased some ink and colours and I will loan you brushes but you will need to bring the following with you:

- A piece of old clean blanket approximately A2 in size (42 cm x 59.5 cm) or a texture free tea towel to rest your paper on whilst painting. I will have newspaper if you don't have either of the above items.
- 2 water pots / jars.
- 4 small dishes/saucers for mixing colours / ink or a mixing palette.
- Kitchen towel.

You can buy paper from me for 35p per sheet.

If you think you are serious and want to buy your own equipment, then you will need the following:

Red Star - quality liquid ink, 200ml bottle **OR** 100ml small bottle of liquid ink - 'Yi De Ge' **OR** if you already have ink, bring what you have.



Paints

Box of 12 Large tubes of Maries Chinese Painting Colours



OR

Box of 18 large tubes of Maries Chinese Painting colours



Brushes

White cloud

Get a set of 3 white cloud brushes – large, medium and small. White cloud brushes have white hair on the outside and darker (coarser hair) in the middle. Amazon sell a good set (this one) for a very reasonable price.



Wolf hair

If you feel you If you feel that this painting style is for you, it is worth ordering these as well BUT if you are only trying it and don't feel committed yet, just buy the white hair brushes and order these if you choose you continue.



Paper



Xuan Paper – we will be using Xuan paper and, if you order it, you need to order something that looks like this. **DON'T** order small sheets – they are for writing practice and are too small for painting. **I will bring paper with me for you to buy (at cost) if you don't want to buy a whole pack.**

Suppliers:

If you are new to this, I suggest you go online to Amazon Smile (the Amazon Charity site that donates money to charity for everything you buy). **They are the cheapest option,** and the quality is very reasonable.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

Check for free delivery.

- search for Chinese painting brushes and buy a mixed sized set of white cloud brushes.
- Search for Marie's paint and buy a box either 12 or 18 colours.
- Search for Chinese ink and buy either red star or Yidege
- If you want to buy your own, search Xuan paper and look for folded sheets of 47 * 68 cms (17/18 X 27 inches) or 34 * 158 (13.4 * 54.3 inches). They come in packs of 100 sheets. I will bring this for you to buy at cost.

Other supplier options are:

<https://www.orientalartsbrighton.co.uk/>

Louisa is based in Brighton and sells a wide range of Chinese brush painting materials.

<http://www.guanghwa.com/about.php>

Note: Guanghwa is a Chinese bookshop – the painting materials and painting books are upstairs. If you can't find what you need – ask – the staff are very helpful

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I will provide paper but students may buy or bring their own if they prefer. Both of the above sites sell a variety of Chinese papers. You need to buy Xuan.