



LIFE DRAWING SUPPLY LIST

- **Paper**

- 18x24
- Newsprint pads are the most economical and great for practice. I recommend starting out with these.
- Strathmore 400 Series Pads – the paper has a better surface and is archival, but more expensive.
- If you have access to a local art supply store, you can purchase some brands, such as Canson, in individual sheets. Make sure that the surface is smooth. Purchase white or off-white.

- **Charcoal**

- Thin vine or willow charcoal. Any brand is fine. Some brands offer a difference in hardness – soft, medium or hard. There is relatively little actual difference.
- Charcoal Pencils

- **Support**

- This is a board that you put behind your drawing paper or pad.
- At least 2 inches wider and longer than your drawing pad, large binder clips (to clip a pad to the support) or artist tape (to tape an individual sheet).
- Masonite is a good support and can be purchased and usually cut to size at hardware stores. Foam core and corrugated plastic are good alternatives and easily cut to size. Supports specifically made for drawing can be purchased at art supply stores.

- **Other**

- Kneaded Eraser
- Soft Kleenex without Oils or Scents
- Cotton Swabs
- Small Piece Sandpaper

- **Recommended but not Essential**

- Chamois (small piece, 3-4 inches square)
- Soft bristle cosmetic brush
- X-acto knife
- Plumb Line (24"inch string with weight attached)
- Easel



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- **Setting Up Your Space if You Don't Have/Use an Easel**
 - Sit with another chair in front of you, it's back to you. Place the bottom edge of the art board on your knees and tilt it back so that the top edge rests against the other chair. This way, you won't have to hold it while you draw.
- **Where to Get Your Supplies**
 - Please note that this is an extensive list but you can totally participate with as few items as just some regular printer paper and household pens or pencils!
 - Some office supply stores also sell basic art supplies. All items are also hyperlinked here on amazon.com here for you as well.
 - Art Stores:
 - <https://www.dickblick.com>
 - <https://www.utrechtart.com>
 - <https://www.artsupplywarehouse.com>
 - <https://www.cheapjoes.com>
 - <https://www.michaels.com>