

Buying Paint

Listed below are a basic list of paints that you will want to eventually have on hand to experiment with. It is **not** necessary to buy all these at once, but it is good to have a transparent and solid red, yellow and blue along with a solid white, black and dark brown. These names tend to change from brand to brand, so read the description if you cannot find the exact name. The colors listed below are taken from the “Gamblin” oil paint line but equivalents can be found in acrylic as well:

Titanium White – Solid (opaque) white.

Zinc White – Transparent white, better for transparent glazes.

Naples Yellow – Solid light yellow, great for highlights.

Yellow Ochre – Solid darker earthy yellow.

Indian Yellow – Transparent warm intense almost neon yellow. Imitates sunlight.

Terra Verte – Semi-transparent muted earthy green.

Cobalt Green – Solid cool muted green, good for solidifying green mixtures.

Veridian – Transparent medium earthy green.

Sap Green – Transparent very dark warm earthy green. Great for foliage / mixing blacks.

Phthalo Green or Emerald – Transparent cold dark green.

Cerulean Blue – Semi-transparent cool muted blue, expensive but necessary for natural light.

Ultramarine Blue – Transparent warm blue, very strong and good for mixing.

Cobalt Blue – Semi-transparent “true blue.”

Manganese Blue – Transparent intense cool neon blue. Traditionally for water.

Prussian Blue – Transparent extremely potent dark blue.

Phthalo Blue – Alternative to Prussian Blue.

Ultramarine Violet – Transparent dark natural looking violet (purple).

Burnt Sienna – Solid earthy brown / red.

Venetian Red – Solid dense muted brick-red.

Alizarin Crimson (or Permanent) – Transparent cold dark blood-red. Excellent for mixing.

Ivory Black – Semi-transparent mixing black.

Van Dyke Brown – Semi-transparent brown / black.

Raw Umber – Solid very dark traditional brown. Excellent for mixing / shading.

Cadmium Yellow Light (Lemon) – Solid cold yellow, extremely powerful / vibrant color.

Note: All cadmium colors are expensive but necessary to have around for uses in small amounts.

Cadmium Yellow Medium – Solid warm yellow, extremely powerful / vibrant color.

Cadmium Orange – Solid bright orange, extremely powerful / vibrant color.

Cadmium Red Light – Solid warm orangey-red, extremely powerful / vibrant color.

Cadmium Green – Solid light green, extremely powerful / vibrant color.