

Portrait Painting Alla Prima (5 Weeks)

The Studio School, Savannah

15 to Adult | all skill levels

Instructor: Karen Bradley

Thursdays 4-7pm

Study and practice portrait painting using the alla prima, or direct painting approach. Complete a painting a day using live portrait models. Each class begins with a painting demonstration followed by individual instruction on drawing, values, color and edges.

FEE: \$375

WORKSHOP

MATERIALS LIST

Oil paint: 37-40ml tubes are fine (Gamblin is good and reasonably priced, Windsor & Newton also... feel free to get the student grade if cost is an issue, but I always recommend buying the best you can afford. Avoid the term "hue" on the label where possible).

Simplified palette for beginners is highlighted.

Titanium White

Naples Yellow

Yellow Ochre

Transparent yellow oxide

Cadmium orange

Transparent orange oxide

Cadmium red light or vermilion

Alizarin crimson

Transparent red oxide (Burnt Sienna will do)

Ultramarine Blue

Cobalt blue

cadmium green, viridian

Brushes: I like mongoose or good quality synthetic Mongoose (like the Eclipse line from Rosemary's Brushes). At least three long filberts in different sizes. Numbers can change between manufacturers, but a 4, 6 and 8 should range in width from less than 1/4 inch to almost 1/2 inch. A filbert or bright about 1" wide would also be good. It may be good to try a few and see what sizes you end up using most.

Supports: One primed, fine-weave stretched canvas or canvas board: 11x14 is a good size. Oil primed linen is wonderful support if you can find some. Or feel free to use another surface that you're comfortable with.

Plus:

- pointed, flexible, medium sized metal palette knife for mixing
- palette: a pad of palette paper is fine-- a palette keeper would be a good way to carry and store it. Or a wood or glass palette.
- Gamsol (Gamblin brand) odorless thinner
- a can/jar to hold thinner
- small jar linseed oil (not stand oil)
- rags or a roll of Viva paper towels (these don't shred like other paper towels)