



PARRISH ART MUSEUM

Parrish Home Art Studios



WILLIAM MERRITT CHASE, American, 1849–1916, *In the Studio (Studio Interior; Alice in the Shinnecock Studio)*, ca. 1900
Oil on canvas, 38 1/8 x 42 3/4 inches, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, N.Y., Littlejohn Collection, 1961.5.6

If you or your kids love to create art, you might want to consider setting up your own home art studio. Below is a list of supplies and materials to get you started. It's best to set aside a designated space for making, but the kitchen table works too!

GETTING STARTED

When preparing your artmaking station, your first step is to cover your table with a plastic tablecloth or newspaper. This will help prevent materials from staining or spilling directly onto your workspace. You should also have paper towels and reusable plastic containers readily accessible, especially for projects that require water, paint, and glue. If you don't have any containers on hand, we recommend cleaning and reusing yogurt cups or other non-porous plastic food containers- just be sure they do not have holes!

TIPS

- A great way to keep items organized is to use a large clear plastic storage container (If you have a lot of supplies, you can buy multiple)

- Art Kits are great starter sets for beginners and children

SUPPLY LIST

Essential Items

- Table coverings: Plastic table cloth or Newspapers
- Small reusable plastic containers or yogurt cups: Washable cups or trays for water, paint, and glue
- Heavy weight paper or plastic plates
- Paper towels
- Ziploc bags in varying sizes: for storage and other uses
- Pencils
- Crayons: Set of 12, 16, or 24 assorted crayons
- Colored Pencils: Set of 12 or 24 assorted colored pencils
- Markers: Assorted pack of 8 or 10 colored washable markers
- Scissors
- Brushes: Assorted pack with different sized and shaped brushes
- Non-toxic white glue: 8 oz bottle of washable white glue
- Glue sticks
- Drawing paper: Suggested sizes include 8.5 x 11", 9 x 12", 11 x 14"

Choose around 2-3 items from each category to get going!

Painting

- Tempera or Acrylic paint: Pint sized containers of red, yellow, blue, black, brown, and white. Additional colors include green, purple, and orange
- Watercolor paint: 8-pan washable watercolor set
- Canvases (board or pre-stretched): Various sized canvases such as 5 x 7", 8 x 10", 9 x 12", 11 x 14"
- Watercolor paper: Suggested sizes include 8 x 10", 9 x 12", 11 x 14"
- Brushes (multipurpose brush sets are great starter packs!)

Drawing

- Pencils: Graphic Pencils are available in a full range of densities from 9B (softest/ Darkest) to 9H (hardest/ lightest)
- Permanent Markers: will not be dissolved by water 8 Pack of

- Oil Pastel: Creamy consistency, 12 pack
- Soft Pastels: Chalk like and powdery, 12 Pack
- Watercolor pencils or Watercolor crayons: can be dissolved and blended with water, 12 pack
- Charcoal: Comes in different forms compressed, vine and pencil (the compressed is good for large areas and the pencil is better for detail while vine is good for sketching)
- Smudge sticks (Also known as tortillion): rolled paper used to blend charcoal
- Kneaded and gum erasers
- Drawing paper: Comes in pads of multiple sheets from 9"X12" to 18"X24"
- Kraft paper: Comes in a pad or roll
- Construction paper: mixed colors/ variety pack
- Sketchbooks: come in varying sizes from 5"X7" to 11"X14" or larger. Get one with multipurpose paper.

Printmaking

- Styrofoam plates (For ink or paint)
- Cardboard
- Water-soluble inks: 6 Pack Starter set, with red, blue, yellow, black,white, and gold
- Brayers: Used to apply ink

Sculpture

- Cardboard: can be reused from boxes
- Pipe Cleaners
- Straws
- Popsicle or craft sticks
- Styrofoam shapes: 2D and 3D
- Wood shapes: 2D and 3D
- Plastercraft
- Model magic: you can buy only white and then paint after it has hardened
- Plasticine modeling clay: will never harden and can be reused
- Self hardening clay
- Yarn

Miscellaneous

- Twisteezwire: non-toxic, pliable, brightly colored assortment of plastic coated, 24 gauge copper wire
- Sequins
- Beads

- Pom-poms
- Sculpey: polymer clay which comes in a variety of colors and is baked in the oven to harden (comes in single color or variety packs)
- Felt: 9"x12" pack of assorted colors
- Fabric: can buy a sheet of plain cotton muslin or a quilting variety pack
- Needle and Thread
- Buttons
- Ribbons
- Anything else you think you might want or need!