

Elements for Success

Painting Outdoors in Oil

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Supply List:

Welcome to my workshop! Here are the materials and items I find extremely useful to have in the field. I also use a large backpack to carry everything in.

- Pochade box and tripod
- Paper towels and small trash bag
- Brushes
- Brush cleaner (mineral spirits, terpenoid natural or terpenoid)
- Oil paints and medium (liquin, neo megilp, etc.),
- Small jars for cleaning brushes and to hold medium
- Sketchbook and pencils, pens, markers, or charcoal
- Bug spray and sunscreen!
- Long light colored clothes and a good sturdy sunhat
- Water and snacks

Oil Colors on my palette: Alizarin Permanent, Cadmium Red Light, Yellow Ochre, Cadmium Yellow Medium, Cadmium Yellow Light, Titanium White, Cobalt Blue, Ultramarine Blue, Pthalo Blue

These are the colors I use in my palette. This is certainly not an exclusive list or required for this workshop. I prefer this palette because it is mostly primary colors and it allows me the freedom to mix difficult greens and blacks.

Components of Creating Dramatic Oil Paintings

(Lessons 1-4: Plan Your Scene to Completion)

1. Choose scene by doing thumbnail sketches (3-4 with slight variations)
 - a. design
 - b. angles/paths
 - c. balance of lights and darks
2. Value sketch on toned panel
 - a. recreate your chosen thumbnail sketch
 - b. take time with your drawing (great time for drawing and composition edits)
 - c. take your time to render your values
3. Blocking in with color
 - a. Mixing neutrals, shadows, highlights
 - b. Simplifying shapes (don't worry about the details yet)
 - c. Keeping patterns random,
4. Refine to Completion
 - a. Edges
 - b. Texture (creative brush application)
 - c. Color pops (in shadows and highlights)

I am really looking forward to sharing my knowledge, and elements of my process that I feel are successful. My intent is not to teach students to paint like me, but to give an insight into my thought process during a painting and what works for me. I hope there are techniques that I use that you can try and apply to your own processes. Most of all, I hope we enjoy learning together. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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