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Tina Garrett's
Portrait Starting Methods
Materials List

Canvas:

Five smooth textured canvas made for portrait painting or an equivalent oil or lead primed substrate canvas will be the most supportive for your art. If ordering from America, a double primed linen portrait quality linen canvas from [RayMar Art](#) is perfect. Another affordable option that is great for learning is [Jerrysartarama Oil Primed Linen Panels](#), canvas or canvas linen paper made by Centurion Deluxe.

The size of the canvas is not critical, but we are aiming for a typical head and shoulders portrait so nothing extremely small or large. 12x16 to 16x20 is great. Absolutely avoid acrylic and gesso primed canvases.

Brushes:

Tina Garrett's [Brush Set](#) is available through Rosemary & Co. Brushes of England.

- The complete set costs about \$100 and in the web shop, you can remove brushes you may already have or add to the quantity of those you'd like to buy more of. Order early with a delivery to the school if permitted, they can take a few weeks to get to the U.S.

Paint:

Avoid student grade paints such as WINTON because it is poor quality.

- Gamblin, Winsor & Newton, and Rembrandt are three brands that are reliable and affordable.

BELOW IS THE FULL LIST OF COLOURS NORMALLY ON MY PALETTE

Transparent Oxide Red (Rembrandt)
Ultramarine Blue Deep (Rembrandt)
Kings Blue (Rembrandt)
Violet Gray (Old Holland)
Phthalo Turquoise (Gamblin)
Cadmium Orange Deep (Gamblin)
Cadmium Yellow Deep (Winsor & Newton)
Cadmium Red Medium (Gamblin)
Quinacridone Magenta (Winsor & Newton)

Green Gold (Gamblin)
Permanent Mauve (Winsor & Newton)
Yellow Ochre (Utrecht)
Transparent Oxide Yellow (Rembrandt)
Winsor Yellow (Winsor & Newton)
Indian Yellow (Winsor & Newton)
Indian Yellow Deep (Winsor & Newton)
Ivory Black (Gamblin)
Titanium White (Gamblin)

Other Supplies:

Odor free solvent and solvent jar. NO TURPENTINE.

- I use Gamsol by Gamblin.

Paper Towels

- I use Scott Blue Shop Towels.

Unconventional painting tools

- Q-tips
- Grey Kneaded Eraser usually used for charcoal
- Variety of sea sponges
- Steel Wool
- Rubber Spatula

M Graham brand Walnut Oil

A plastic grocery sack or trash bag for your trash.

Palette knife/small Diamond shaped head.

- No plastic. Metal with a wood handle is best.

Palette: You will struggle if your mixing surface is too small.

- I use my Edge Pro Gear PaintBook and have attached a coupon below.
- Any large, preferably glass, palette is great. There are many glass palette options, cutting boards, 1/4 replacement glass, glass palettes by New Wave.
- Do not use picture frame glass because it is brittle and dangerous. If you have a glass palette, a flat razor blade will be helpful for palette clean up.

Smart Device

- Please have a device, such as a smartphone or ipad

Photos

- I will provide images or you can use your own references digitally on your device or prints