

The Cambria Nature Journal: Close Observation and Studio Drawing

Cambria Center for the Arts

Wednesdays 10:00AM- 12:00PM

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Below you will find materials commonly used for Nature Journaling. You can purchase online from Blick or Amazon, or in art material stores in the area.

However, please feel free to use materials you already have. If you need to purchase any from the list, I have made links to items that you may be unfamiliar with.

Contact me with questions. Can't wait to be with you all!

- **Sketchbook** specifically for your Nature Journal. This is a very personal choice.

Considerations:

- Size: 6"x 9"- 9"x 12" —anything smaller can cramp writing and drawings, while anything larger than 9" x 12" gets heavy and awkward to hold while standing outdoors.
 - Paper Type: Look for mixed-media paper (150gsm to 200gsm+) or heavy sketchbook paper 200 gsm to 220 gsm (approx. 120 lb – 135 lb). This will allow you easily use ink and watercolor washes as well as graphite and colored pencil. There are many options, but it is most important that you feel comfortable with the size, the paper, and how the book opens (we will use both sides of the page).
 - Binding: Hardcover provides a built-in clipboard for drawing, painting, and writing on your lap or in the field, where as spiral-bound books fold back completely flat if you prefer a smaller footprint.
- **Graphite Drawing Pencils** 2B or 3B
 - **Pencil Sharpener**
 - [Kneaded eraser](#)
 - [Plasticene eraser](#)
 - **Small Portable Watercolor Set** (I like the travelling [Windsor Newton Cotman Watercolors – Sketcher's Pocket Set of 12, Half Pans](#))
 - **Watercolor Brush** (preferably a #6 sharp) if you use a larger set or tubes that do not have a brush
 - **Colored Pencils** – Prismacolor, Derwent or Faber-Castell – 12 pencil set is fine (we can make most colors with these. Just make certain you have a white pencil)
 - **Micron or other Permanent Pen** – Size 03 or 05 (0.35 mm – 0.45 mm)
 - **Magnifying lens**, if needed
 - Something to easily carry materials