

Destination Art - August 15th – 16th 2026

Pastel Workshop Supply List Painting the Arid Landscape

Please bring to class the following:

- **Soft pastel set.** A good set of soft pastels (NOT oil pastels) can be ordered online and should include a good range of value and color (contact me if you have any questions).
- **Hard pastels** if you have them.
- **Sanded paper** - UArt 400 or 320 grit (I use 320 grit), LuxArchival (only comes in one grit) Pastel Mat (one of my favorites) or any of your favorite papers, or a mix. You only need a few sheets for two (up to four) large paintings (four 9x12 or 11x14 sheets (if you like smaller or bigger bring it); some smaller pieces for studies (six to eight, 6x8). I prefer mounted paper (I mounted my own using 3M Super 77 spray adhesive and form core board) as it holds up better with wet underpaintings. *CANSON Mi-Teintes Pastel paper or Strathmore Pastel Paper Pads 400 Series is not a good choice as it will not hold up well.*
- **Inexpensive set of pan watercolors (student/classroom set) is perfect.**
- **Hard portable surface for taping your paper to** (form core board or similar cut larger than your paper is perfect).
- **Easel** (table easel or if you prefer standing a portable easel).
- **Pencil, or your preferred method for drawing on your paper.**
- **Reference photos** – should have great contrast (lights and dark areas, background foreground). Print the photos on standard copy paper or bring a tablet to paint from. I will have desert landscape reference photos for student use.
- **Artist tape**
- **Paper towels** (I like Viva Brand) for cleaning pastels and hands.
- **Rubbing Alcohol** (70 or 91%) for setting underpaintings and container such as a jar with lid.
- **Inexpensive watercolor or flat synthetic brush** (a ½ inch and ¾ to 1-inch wide)
- **Old bristle brush for brushing off pastel**
- **Hand wipes** (baby wipes are great) for cleaning your hands
- **Old towel** for covering table or floor. Bring two if you have got them.
- **Coverup to protect your clothes.**

To cut back on the supply list and money, I will bring pastel pencils, and a set of hard pastels.