

Materials List for Portrait Drawing with Cody Kamrowski:

All [links](#) will take you to Amazon or BlickArt for convenience's sake. Alternatively, you can find most of these materials at Hobby Lobby or Michaels in ABQ.

1. White Paper (Could be a small sketchbook, loose leaf printer paper, or a pad of newsprint -- I will have *some* extra paper if you forget to bring some, or don't have any) for the early exercises. We'll be cranking out sketches pretty quickly in the beginning, so you can pick something up at the dollar store. Even notebook paper will do. Eventually, I would recommend a pad of [bristol](#) (9x12 or larger) if you prefer a smooth drawing surface, or a pad of [Strathmore 400](#) (again, 9x12 or larger) if you prefer a toothier surface.
2. Erasers:
 - a. I prefer [kneaded erasers](#) because they don't leave shavings, and you can shape them for specific erasing needs. Also good for stress relief :)
 - b. Any eraser that doesn't leave streaks should be fine, but I highly recommend [hi-polymer erasers from Pentel](#)
 - c*. [Tombow Mono erasers](#) are **not** necessary because they're specialized for detailing. I won't be using one for the class, but I *do* use one for personal drawings.
3. Pencils:
 - a. Graphite pencils (HB or softer e.g. HB, B, 2B, up to 10B) The standard yellow HB pencils that you used in school will suffice. | Popular brands: [Staedler](#), [Faber-Castell](#), [Koh I Noor](#), etc.

or

b. Charcoal pencils (any hardness will do, but I personally prefer B) | Popular brands: [Conte a Paris](#), [General Pencil](#), [Wolff's Carbon](#), etc.

Bonus/optional:

c. Ballpoint pens (just about any old biro will do. The cheap ones you get at the bank are what I personally prefer) | Popular brands: [Bic](#), Pilot, Pentel, etc.

d. Black Markers | Popular brands: [Copic Marker](#), Prismacolor, Crayola, etc.

4. Drawing board/ hard surface to draw on. We will have tables for you to draw at, but if you prefer drawing on a more vertical surface, bring a drawing board or clipboard. If you have a big book or a reasonably sized slab of plywood, those will work too. *bandaids for papercuts and splinter extraction are not included with the course*

I will bring a pencil sharpener, but if you've got a portable one or your own method for sharpening pencils like a razorblade+sandpaper, bring those.