

Soft Pastel For Beginners



**FREE GUIDE
WHERE TO BUY SUPPLIES FOR
BEGINNERS**

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Supplies for Beginners

What do you need to get started?

- **Drawing Board** - something to tape your work on to support your work.
- **Table Easel** - you might be happy without one but it's better to work up right or at an angle.
- **Pastel Sticks** - a must. Have you got some already? They will do to get you going or check the places to buy student ranges below.
- **Pastel Pencils** - a must. Have you got some already? They will do to get you going or check the places to buy below.
- **Pan Pastels** (optional) - you don't need these to start
- **Rubber Blender** - not essential to start
- **Tortillon Blender** - a really good idea to have some of these, they are so useful.
- **Kneadable Putty Rubber** - really useful
- **Transfer Paper** - not needed for the Seascape Tutorial but if you lack drawing skills right now then get some so you don't need to worry about drawing skills when you're learning soft pastel skills.
- **Pastel Paper** - If you have some already, try what you've got. But if you don't like the paper or it makes life hard for you, look at getting wet and dry paper or Pastelmat.

**Want to get ahead fast? Join the
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Course Now**

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See the next pages for places to buy UK & USA

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Where Can I Buy Supplies in the UK?

Great Art Limited

WEBSITE: www.greatart.co.uk

This is a good online Art shop that sells most things you'll need:

[Drawing Boards](#)

[Soft Pastel Sticks 72 Half Stick Jaxell Set](#)

[Table Easel](#)

[Pastel Pencils Carbothello 60 Set](#)

[Pan Pastels](#)

[Kneadable Putty Eraser](#) This is the one I use

Pastelmat pastel paper is available in sheets and pads. You can get paper 360gsm (sometimes it is referred to as card) or board 1.8mm thick. To start, use the paper/card variety. If you want one single colour, buy sheets or if you prefer lots of colours, buy a pad. I prefer to stick with one colour dark grey, it's actually a mid tone grey. The pads have glassine paper in between pages to protect your work.

[Pastel Paper: Pastelmat Sheets](#)

[Pastel Paper: Pastelmat Pads](#)

You'll need glassine which is like parchment paper or tracing paper to protect your work from smudging and to lean on. Here's a [link](#) to some glassine but parchment and tracing paper is just fine.

WEBSITE: www.Amazon.co.uk

[Graphite Transfer Paper](#) This is the transfer paper I use.

[Tortillon Blenders](#)

WEBSITE: www.pencils4artists.co.uk

[Rubber Blenders](#) – otherwise known as colour shapers. I use a size 0

WEBSITE: www.toolstation.com

[Pastel Paper Wet & Dry 1200 GRIT](#) This is a good beginners alternative to Pastelmat

Full list of above and other useful websites if you like to shop around:

Amazon

Great Art

Pencils4Artists

Ebay

Paperstory

Pullingers

The Art Shop Skipton

SAA

Jacksons Art

If you'd like to sample different pastel papers, Jacksons and SAA do sample packs.

TOP TIP: Sign up to shop newsletters to watch out for sales and discounts.

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Where Can I Buy Supplies in the USA?

Dick Blick

WEBSITE: www.dickblick.com

This is a good online Art shop that sells most things you'll need:

[Drawing Boards](#) [Soft Pastel Sticks 72 Dick Blick own brand](#) Or [Inscribe](#) imported from UK

[Table Easel](#) [Pastel Pencils Carbothello 60 Set](#)

[Pan Pastels](#) [Kneadable Putty Eraser](#) This is the one I use

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[Rubber Blenders](#) I use a taper size 2

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Walmart

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Jacksons Art

Ebay

Dakota Pastels

Dick Blick

Jerry's Artarama

Hobby Lobby

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About Sue



Welcome!

My name is Sue Kerrigan-Harris I'm a Soft Pastel Artist and Art Teacher from England, United Kingdom and I teach people the art of soft pastel all over the world!

I'm passionate about Soft Pastel It's a beautiful medium to work with – no drying time, no paint to mix, no palettes to wash and you can put down and pick up where you left off without fear of anything drying out!

A little bit of useful knowledge will set you off in the right direction and this guide will start you off nicely...

But if you're anything like me, soon you'll want to know more and that's what I'm here for, to help you on your journey.

Best wishes,
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