

Design 101 With Gel Plates

Zoom

Thursdays, November 21 – December 5, 2024 (3 classes)

10am - 1pm

Instructor: Kal Honey

Student Materials List

— gel plate — I do not currently recommend Speedball, but Gelli Arts or Gel Press are great

— 4" hard rubber brayer

— acrylic paints — I usually use Liquitex Basics, but you can use Rheotech, Amsterdam, etc. or fancier like Liquitex or Golden. At minimum, you'll need the primaries plus black and white. I recommend a warm and a cool of each primary:

-- Cadmium or Hansa Yellow Medium AND Lemon Yellow or Hansa or Cadmium Yellow Light

-- Cadmium or Naphthol Red Medium AND Alizarin Crimson or Quinacridone Violet or Quinacridone Magenta

-- Phthalo Blue Green Shade AND Ultramarine Blue

-- Black

-- White

— 2 or 3 synthetic paint brushes, flat, in sizes 1/2", 1" and another if you wish

— 1-3 plastic palette knives (offset style, like a trowel), something to serve as a palette

— a form of retarder (slows drying). I like Golden's Open Acrylic medium — you only need a drop or so per print. (IF you work quickly, you can get away without it — but it buys you valuable thinking/composing time, since paint dries quickly on the gel plate.)

— Some smooth (or almost smooth) paper. My go-to is a heavier weight premium bond copy/print paper that's 28-32lb, such as:

<https://www.staples.ca/products/2933114-en-xerox-bold-digital-fsc-certified-printing-paper-28-lb-85-x-11-white-500-sheets-3r11760>

<https://www.staples.ca/products/2946258-en-xerox-bold-digital-printing-paper-32-lb-white-500-sheets-3r11764py?listId=search>

<https://www.staples.ca/products/733333-en-staples-fsc-certified-laser-bright-white-paper-28-lb-85-x-11-white-500-sheets?listId=search>

But you can also use regular office copy paper, mixed media paper, card stock, etc.

— clean scrap paper for braying excess paint off

— water (container and spray bottle), paper towel

— Baby wipes

— Purell or other alcohol-based hand sanitizer gel

— optional but recommended: a small bottle of baby oil

— scissors and a precision craft knife, such as x-acto or Olfa; cutting mat (or sturdy

cardboard)

– phone (for camera)

– Colour Wheel

– Masking Tape

– Ruler