

Gel Plate Type Abstractions

Live Online Workshop via Zoom

2 Saturday Mornings: November 26 & Dec. 3, 2022

10am-1pm

Instructor: Kal Honey

Student Materials List

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

— brayer

— acrylic paints — I usually use Liquitex Basics, but can use Rheotech, Amsterdam, etc. or fancier like Liquitex or Golden

— 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.)

— a selection of 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/980605-en-xerox-bold-digital-fsc-certified-printing-paper-32-lb-85-x-11-white-500-sheets-3r11764>

But you can also use/include regular office copy paper, mixed media paper, card stock, non-white papers, etc.

— Prints of letters you would like to cut out to make stencils and masks from. You can do the entire workshop with the letters and numbers in my provided PDF. But you can use your own as well/instead if you like. Letters should not be too tiny, or too fine — remember, you're going to be cutting them out with a knife! You can print them out on regular copy paper, but if you print them out on the heavier bond (mentioned above) your stencils and masks will be a little sturdier and less prone to tearing.

— 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

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

— phone (for camera)

— optional: printer for printing my PDF, or your own type prints

— Colour Wheel

— Masking Tape