

Materials guideline list

Thank you for your interest in *TEXTure – Your Handwriting as Art* with Claire Benn. Here, you'll find some pre-registration advice as an essential guide for what you'll need to complete this course. Once enrolled, detailed material lists with images and supplier recommendations will be accessible.

Just to let you know, this document serves as a general guide. We encourage resourcefulness and using what you already have before considering new material purchases. If you have any specific questions about materials, feel free to contact support@taketwoart.com.

Essential tools and supplies

Paper:

- **Basic photocopy/printer paper** – at least 50 sheets of A4 or letter size (or decorator's lining paper is a good alternative)
- **Heavier/better quality paper** – such as Fabriano 1264 or Fabriano Mixed Media paper – something that has a smooth and a rough side with a weight of 250–300gsm
- **Cereal box cardboard** for tracing templates

Other:

- **Inkwell** – jar lid, small pot, bowl, or palette
- **Small spray bottle** – for misting ink
- **Blue masking tape**
- **Masking fluid** (and/or wax candle) – to use as resists
- **Glue** – Claire prefers soft gel medium but any glue will do
- **Metal ruler**

Writing tools:

- **Pencils, pencil sharpener and eraser**
- **Pens** (e.g. ball-point, felt-tip, Sharpie, etc.)
- **A bamboo/reed pen**
- **Tongue depressors** (large lollipop sticks), **aluminium soda can** and **Duct tape** (to make a home-made cola pen)
- **Found objects to write with (your choice!)** – small sticks or shims, plastic pipettes or syringes, plastic fork, small length of cable (with smaller wire inside)

Inks:

- **Black India/China ink** (250–500ml)
- **Coloured inks** – such as Dr. Ph Martin or Daler Rowney (small bottles) – red, blue, yellow and white inks will enable you to mix colours.

Nice-to-have tools and supplies

Calligraphy tools:

- A folded pen or ruling pen
- A fine nib and a Brause calligraphy nib
- Nib holder

Other:

- Tracing paper
- White gesso
- 'Professional sensitive' masking tape (such as Tesa brand)
- Cutting mat and quilter's ruler

Optional extras for future exploration:

- One or two automatic pens
- Acrylic ink – an excellent alternative to India/China ink, acrylic inks come in a huge range of colours
- Heavy body acrylic paints