

KALAMAZOO INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Independent Study: Graphite and Colored Pencil

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We will have materials in class but if you would like to have your own colored pencils, listed below are some recommended options.

Colored pencil set options:

- 1) [Prismacolor colored pencils - set of at least 24](#) (Prismacolor is more affordable and has more color options but the pencils wear down slightly faster than faber castell)
- 2) [Faber Castell polychromos pencils](#) - set of 24 **OR** choose your colors individually on [Blick art materials website](#) (Faber castell polychromos pencils have a little less color variety but can be layered onto paper more times than Prismacolor and the hard lead makes the pencils last for longer use)

Other Materials:

- 1) [Strathmore 300 Series SMOOTH surface 11"x14" pad or larger](#)
- 2) [Graphite pencil for sketching](#)
- 3) [Grey kneaded eraser](#)
- 4) [Mechanical eraser](#)
- 5) [Block Eraser](#)
- 6) [Pencil sharpener](#) - that can sharpen *adequately*, I would recommend the Prismacolor, Faber Castell or Staedtler brand sharpeners
- 7) Reference images of plants (I will be providing options as well)