

BASIC ART MATERIALS used by Stephen Foster.

This is not a shopping list, just the basic materials I use. There are many other excellent products but I do emphasise the importance of a limited palette. The colours for oil and acrylic painting are Titanium White plus four others that relate to the spectrum, i.e. one blue, two red(ish), one yellow. I also use a dark brown. I give the Great Art code numbers as their website is difficult to use without them.

ACRYLIC PAINTS: I mostly use Schmincke Akademie Crylcolor paints (available from www.greatart.co.uk) as they suit the palette knife very well.

Schmincke Akademie Acrylics:

Colour	Content	Code
Titanium White	60ml	20345111
	250ml	20346111
	500ml	20347111
Prussian Blue	60ml	20345447
	250ml	20346447
Yellow Ocher	60ml	20345661
	250ml	20346661
Burnt sienna	60ml	20345665
	250ml	20346665
Primary Magenta	60ml	20345344
	250ml	20346344
Van Dyke Brown	60ml	20345668

OIL PAINTS: I use Lukas 1862 Artist's quality oil paints (also from www.greatart.co.uk). I don't use any volatile solvents (i.e. Turpentine, Liquin etc.) when painting. There is a separate info sheet on my technique of painting in oil without using volatile solvents.

Lukas 1862 Artist's Oil Paints:

Colour	Content	Code	Brand
Titanium White	37ml	20345111	
	200ml	20346111	
Prussian Blue	37ml	20910134	
	200ml	21011134	
Yellow Ocher	37ml	20910031	
	200ml	21011031	
Burnt sienna	60ml	24508608	Schmincke colour
	200ml	24509608	Schmincke colour
Primary Magenta	37ml	20910050	
	200ml	21011050	
Van Dyke Brown	37 ml	20910112	
	200ml	21011112	

I also use phthalo blue, phthalo green, indian yellow and quinacridone red (all good transparent glazing colours).

The surface I usually paint on is the smooth side of hardboard or MDF double primed with a good acrylic primer (gesso). I often add burnt sienna added to give a coloured ground. For larger paintings I use 4mm MDF. A fine spray diffuser and a stay wet palette are useful. I rarely use any additives or mediums to oil paint.

The Hobby Craft No. 6 is a favourite palette knife. The RGM no. 96 is also good and is available online from Jackson's or Artifolk. The Gerstacker No. 30 from Great Art is good as are many others, as long as they have a relatively flexible tip.