

The 8 Auspicious Symbols Thangka Art Course

Materials needed for this course

You need a few basic materials for this course:

1) Drawing paper

When making a set of 8 separate drawings, your drawings can be of any size, for ex. A4 or A3 / 9"x12" or 12"x18".

If you prefer to make the Mandala shape with all 8 symbols in it, I suggest you take one of the following sizes and cut part of it to make it into a square:

Size: Best size 50x65/70cm (if this is not available choose size A1 or A2)

US paper sizes: Best size 20"x30" (if this is not available choose 22"x30" or 18"x24")

Weight: preferably minimum 160 g/m², or 80lb / 130gsm (I always use 200g/m²)

In US: [Blick Art Materials](#) / [Amazon.COM](#) or at: [Amazon.CA](#) / [Amazon.FR](#) / [Amazon.DE](#)

2) Pencil

Regular B&W pencil HB and/or a mechanical pencil (0.5mm)

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3) Eraser

Regular eraser

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In addition it's nice to have a very fine eraser, my favorite is Tombow Mono Zero (the round one):

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4) Ruler

Preferred size of 50cm / 18" or 24"

Note: for thangka it's easiest to work with centimeters. Working with inches is possible but gives you less options proportion wise. The following rulers have both inches and centimeters:

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For the Mandala shape a **Drawing Compass** is needed as well

Choose one that can make a very wide circle, or pref. has an extension part:

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Optional

Optional are the following materials:

Coloured Pencils

If you want to colour your drawing(s) you can use whatever coloured pencils you've got, but for the

best results a good brand is advised, as those pencils have more pigment which is good for shading (as practiced in the Colouring Techniques Course).

I have been using the following brands for many years and often use a set of 48 pencils:

Prismacolor Premier

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Faber Castell Polychromos

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Bruynzeel Design

[Amazon.COM](#) / [Amazon.CA](#) / [Amazon.FR](#) / [Amazon.DE](#)

If you are in the US, [Blick Studio Artists' Colored Pencils](#) also make a good choice

Fineliners / thin felt pens

There are many different brands that are good. I always use Stabilo Point 88, usually a set of 10:

In US: [Blick Art Materials](#) / [Amazon.COM](#) or at: [Amazon.CA](#) / [Amazon.UK](#) / [Amazon.FR](#) / [Amazon.DE](#)

Gold pen

I always like to finish things off with a golden pen, such as the ones from Uni-ball or Pentel:

[Amazon.COM](#) or at: [Amazon.CA](#) / [Amazon.UK](#) / [Amazon.FR](#) / [Amazon.DE](#)

And lastly: if you want to make notes during the course please have your pen & paper ready.

Happy drawing!
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