

THE 20 TOOLS

Best Suited to Digitizing

TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT

1. Computer with Photoshop Creative Cloud - [Get Access Here](#)
2. Desktop Scanner - capability to scan 1200dpi - a simple printer/scanner combo will do
3. [Canon Pixma Pro](#) - best investment for at-home printing
4. [Carl Paper Cutter](#) - to trim printed designs
5. [Artograph Light pad](#) - 9x12" version for tracing and layouts before scanning
6. [Wacom Intuous Drawing Tablet](#) - draw directly into Creative Cloud Applications

PAPER

7. [Strathmore Bristol Paper](#) - thick cardstock that provides a smooth surface for crisp lettering
8. [Canson Watercolor Paper](#) - cottony watercolor paper with plenty of weight, but not too much texture that scans are impacted
9. [Laser Copy Paper](#) - buy a ream of 500 sheets at any office supply store
10. [Canson Marker Paper](#) - thin, transparent paper with sufficient thickness and smooth texture
11. [Rhodia Art Pad](#) - similar to marker paper; available in [blank](#) or graph
12. [Cardstock](#) - look for #110 weight instead of #65 weight for printing and sketching

PENS, INKS & WRITING UTENSILS

13. [Sumi Ink for Calligraphy](#) - bold, black ink perfect for scanning
14. Fictis Plastic Eraser - Sketch your designs before lettering over them, erase when dry
15. [Tombow Dual-Tip Brush Marker](#) - in Lamp Black - thick and perfect for digitizing
16. [Pentel Sign Pen](#) - great for sketching
17. [Sharpies](#) - all sizes - for greater percision and thinner lines
18. [Sharpie Pens](#)- for detail work and pre-scan smoothing
19. [Kuretake Watercolor Set](#) - scans with more pigment and bolder colors
20. [Pentel Aquash Water Brush](#) - for brush lettering

By no means are these required materials for the course, these are just our favorite tools we've found over the years! #BeCreative