



MATERIALS LIST FOR GEOLOGIC ABSTRACTS

Golden Fluid Acrylic paints and mediums– Do a Google search for “Golden Paints” to see many sources. Michaels and Hobby Lobby craft stores have limited selections. Larger art stores, or online art stores (dickblick.com and jerrysartarama.com) have a complete selection of colors and mediums.

Gel Medium – I use Golden’s regular gel. Excellent adhesive

Gloss Medium – I use Golden’s Gloss Medium. You may prefer Matte Medium or Semi-Gloss Medium for a less shiny finish. I use Gloss Medium as a final isolation coat. You may want to put an additional coat of varnish on the painting. Can also be used to dilute Golden Fluid Acrylic paints.

Liquitex Soluvar is the varnish I sometimes use. It is very stinky and not water soluble so clean up is with turpenoid. It is self-leveling and has UV filters.

Alex Flex Flexible Spackling, Premixed Stucco Patch (both DAP products) and **Mapei Type 1 Tile Adhesive** – available at big box hardware stores such as Home Depot and Lowes in the paint section and the tile section.

Wood Panels and Stretched Canvas– I mostly buy painting surfaces from online stores: Dickblick.com or jerrysartarama.com. They offer bulk discounts, have frequent sales, and often have free shipping with larger orders.

Canson XL Mix Media paper – Often on sale at Michaels craft stores - buy one/get one free. I buy the 98 lb (160 g) paper tablets in various sizes.

Brushes – I like to buy short handled synthetic or nylon brushes, suitable for watercolor or acrylics. The sizes I use most often are a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch flat, a #6 round, and a fine detail brush – about a #2. Larger brushes are required for larger works. I clean them with soap and water or there are several brands of brush cleaners.

Polyform Model Air Clay – Michaels, Hobby Lobby, Walmart Super Stores with a craft section.

Materials for clay impressions – Michaels in the polymer clay section, or cake decorating section. You can also use buttons, cabinet door pulls or any item with a pattern that can be pressed into the clay. See also Artistic Renderings shop on Etsy.com for clay texture stamps.

Pebbles, stones, shells, other decorative fillers – Michaels, often in the silk flower arranging section

Microbeads – by Recollections – Michaels in the scrapbooking section.