

# 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**. Easiest is when it can be divided by 50.

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

**US paper sizes:** Best size 25"x25" (if this is not available choose 20"x30", 22"x30" or 18"x24")

Weight: preferably minimum 160 g/m<sup>2</sup>, or 80lb / 130gsm (I always use 200g/m<sup>2</sup>)

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:

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### **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!*  
*Garmen*



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