

Supply List:

My supplies are constantly evolving. As readily available materials change, I need to adapt and change my list. Below is a list of what I currently use for Festive Flourishing. Be sure to explore your own treasure trove of supplies and see what you have to bring to these delightful flourishes. Try what you have and add your own favourites.

Pen Holder: Straight or Oblique: Flourishing can be done with either a straight or oblique pen holder. Left handed students may find a straight holder easier to use. Most of my work is done with a straight pen holder.

Pointed Pen Nibs: If you are new to pointed pen, try a Zebra G, Hunt 22 or Gillott 404. More experienced pointed pen artists may want a Leonardt EF Principal, Hunt 101 or Brause 66 EF.

Ink: McCaffery Black, McCaffery Brown or Walnut ink. Dr. Martin's Bleedproof White for working on dark paper.

Cookie Cutters: These make wonderful templates for our Festive Flourishes.

White Chalk Pencil or Plumber's Soapstone Pencil: This is easier to erase than pencil when working on dark papers. Fons and Porter make a mechanical chalk quilting pencil that is very useful.

Practice Paper: Rhodia or Maruman Imagination Paper in Blank or Gridded. I always use a good quality practice paper to get the best results from my practice sessions.

Project Paper: Coloured Card stock or Canson Mi-Tientes Paper.. Most of my flourishes are quite small. I cut the paper down to 5x7 size. Strathmore 400 Series drawing paper is a wonderful ivory colour and is great for Victorian style flourishes.

Coloured Pencils. Most coloured pencils will work well for flourishing with the exception of student grade coloured pencils. I prefer Faber Castell Polychromos and Derwent Coloursoft for my own work.

Special Effect Supplies: Hot Foil Pen, Sakura Stardust Gelly Roll Pen, Swarovski Hot Fix Crystals with Gem Tac Glue, Finetec Metallic Watercolours, Chalk Pastels, Holbein Brilliant Gold Metallic Gouache.

Miscellaneous: Paper towels: I use a lint free shop towel available at most hardware stores. Toothpaste and q-tips for nib cleaning, a few sheets of newspaper to act as a cushion, pencil, ruler, clean kneaded or white vinyl eraser, pen and note taking supplies, eye dropper or pipette, two water dishes, 2 inexpensive mixing brushes for applying gouache or bleedproof white.