

Materials List - Will Kemp Drawing School

Below is the material list, most of it is quite simple but there's a little bit of extra effort to get a couple of the products, however a little extra time spent here will truly help you learn quicker.

Most things are inexpensive or some you might already have.

- **Writing Pencil HB**
- **Drawing Pencil 3B**
- **Drawing Pencil 7B**

A note on drawing pencils: When you're first starting just buy a reputable brand, such as Staedtler Mars Lumograph, Faber Castell 9000 Pencils or Derwent Graphic pencils. But as with all things, it's personal taste.

For the course I'll be demonstrating with Staedtler Mars Lumograph pencils, 3B & 7B.

- **Pencil Sharpener**

When sharpening pencils I use a Stanley knife because you can get an extremely fine, sharp point and you can sharpen it so there's more pencil lead exposed (and you feel slightly like Bear Grylls.)

If you have an aversion to using a Stanley knife or blade, then a standard pencil sharpener will do the job just fine.

- **Kneaded/ Putty Eraser**
- **Plastic Eraser**

These are key tools in your drawing kit. The plastic eraser is good for getting clean sharp lines and the putty eraser is great for subtle blending and drawing... yes, drawing.

I will demonstrate with Cretacolor Plastic eraser and a Winsor and Newton Putty rubber. Staedtler is also good.

(If you can't get either of these you can take a tip from Turner who used stale bread!)

- **Graphite Stick 4B**

They come in rounds, squares or rectangles. It doesn't really matter on the shape, but the wider flatter shape will give you the most coverage.

These can sometimes be hard to track down in the U.K, but I believe in U.S.A and Canada the Kimberly Graphite Sticks are easier to find.

For U.K students I recommend either going to a good Art Store as they will probably stock them or visit Heaton Cooper Studio online store where you'll be able to get most things on this list.

[Cretacolor Graphite Stick 4B \(Rectangular 7mm x 14mm - 4b £1.65\)](#)

If U.S.A is closer to you for shipping then Dick Blick Art Materials will have it all.

See link for the [Kimberly Graphite Sticks 4B](#)

- **Wipe-clean/Non permanent marker pen - Black Medium Tip** (Stabilo OHP Pen or similar)
- **Permanent marker pen - Black Fine Tip**
- **Plastic Ruler 30cm**
- **Kitchen Timer**
- **Kitchen Paper Towel**
- **White typing paper**
- **Cartridge Paper Drawing Pad**

A note on paper: Drawing Paper can come in many shapes, forms and tones.

For this course we need a medium weight, smooth cartridge paper, weight between 80gsm -150gsm 25-30 sheets. Size: A4 or 9 inch x 12 inch (as long as it's bigger than 8 inch x 10 inch.)

Anything around this requirement will be fine, if you have a sketchpad already, you can use that.

- **Black lightweight card** to make the Viewfinder
- **Frame & a Perspex sheet/Plexiglass** to make the Picture Plane

So basically these 2 items will combine to create a black frame with a perspex window. This is going revolutionize your drawing and we'll use it from Week 1.

Black lightweight card - This makes up your frame you will need:

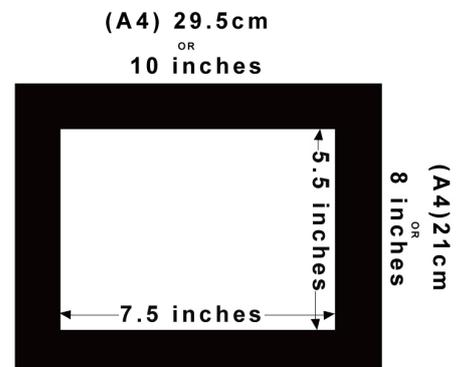
1 piece of black card, A4 or 8 x 10 inch, depending on what size you can get your perspex in (see Picture Plane below.)

With a 5.5 x 7.5 inch cut out.

You can of course make this frame yourself using thin card but it's those Stanley knives again!

For ease you could go to your local framer and get them to cut a piece of black mount board A4 or 8 x 10 inch outside edge with a 5.5 x 7.5 opening cut out to make the frame.

Often you can ask them for an off-cut to do this with as it's quite a small size.



- **Perspex/Plexiglass Picture Plane** -

This makes up the window of your frame you will need either:

- a clear Acrylic Perspex Sheet - A4 Size or 8 x 10 inch. Ideally 3 /4mm thick

OR

- a piece of plexiglass out of an inexpensive frame - A4 Size or 8 x 10 inch (whichever you can easily get)

UPDATE : I have just had an update from a student who has been to a Hobby Craft Store and got hold of a:

Pre-cut black frame mount - 8 x 10 inches with an inside cut out of 5 x 7 inches - £2.19
You would have to cut the inside hole a fraction bigger to make it 7.5 x 5.5 inches - but easy and a good price!

Hobby Craft store also had cheap 'click' frame 8 x 10 inches with plexiglass front - £1.49

The Plexiglass front is only 2mm thick so not as hardy - but if you are having trouble picking up the 4mm thick perspex a good alternative and a great price.

I recommend 4mm thick as we will be drawing on top of this acrylic sheet and wiping off, so ideally more resilient, but if you're not too heavy handed, then the plexiglass out of a frame would be adequate.

Glass is obviously not advised for safety reasons.

- **Bulldog Clip**

This is to clip the viewfinder frame to the perspex.

Phew! a cup of tea is in order.