

Chinese Brush Painting

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Supply List

- Ink - [Chinese Calligraphy Black Ink](#); you do not need a big bottle. A small one will do (yi de ge mo Zhi) 100 g
- Brushes
 - Two main types that we use. Main difference: mixed hair brush is softer (more pliant) and holds more water. Mixed means a mix of goat (soft) and weasel (stiff) hair. [Mixed hair brushes link](#)
 - Second type: weasel hair is stiffer, and such a brush is good for fine, controlled strokes, such as lines. Stiff hair, line brush \$10 [Brush link](#)
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- In the future, one might need a bigger brush. For a BIG fat brush, browse around that same Easyou site (as above), and you will find some candidates; [This threesome \\$28](#) is made of mixed hair, and seems to have the right combination of bristle diameter/length. They have detailed descriptions of the hair type and dimensions. But big! over 2 in long

Paper

We used mainly “raw” rice (Xuan) paper. It has no sizing and is relatively absorbent (absorbs and spreads water like paper towel). (When raw paper undergoes some treatment to increase its stiffness and reduce sensitivity to water, it becomes “ripe” or “sized” paper; this treatment is called sizing.)

[100m roll paper 14" wide costs roughly \\$28](#)

An easier paper, not as absorbent, is suitable for beginners: [\\$22 for 50 sheets.](#)

Paint

We do not need lots of color, and a small box of [“Chinese Painting Color”](#) will be

sufficient. It is OK to use regular watercolor paints if you have them.

Felt Mat

The painting is ideally done on a felt mat substrate; any felt-like fabric will work (You may already have something similar at home). [Felt Desk Pad for Chinese Calligraphy Writing Japanese Drawing](#). White, 19.6 x 27.5 inch

Additional Helpful Supplies

The following is not required, but can come in handy:

[Brush Holder Rollup Protector \(for carrying brushes to and from class\)](#)

[Brush Hanger Stand: Brush Wooden Rack \(for hanging wet brushes to dry\)](#)