



## Capricon 40 -Portrait Circle supplies list

The list below are just suggestions if you are unsure of what to bring.

Pencils, Sharpeners, Sketch Paper, drawing board, stumps (aka smudgy sticks), erasers.

I prefer to do life drawing and portraits using pencils rather than charcoal. So there is no charcoal on this list. That's just me..of course you are free to bring and draw with whatever media you wish.

I will have a limited amount of the above mentioned items. So I strongly encourage you to bring what supplies you can.

**Pencils:** Any brand drawing pencils will do. Most folks are familiar with the ever trusted 2B pencils. In case you don't know B pencils are soft. Which translates into how dark a mark they will make. The higher the number the darker the pencil stroke. My suggestion is to bring at least a 2B and a 6 or 7B pencil.

What brands do I prefer? I'm rather fond of Derwent Graphic pencils. For years I used Prismacolor Turquoise I still have many of them. I think what I like about the Derwent Graphics is the matte finish on the pencil which makes them easier to hold. I also like The Faber-Castell 9000 series. I especially like the Jumbo series. I can be very heavy handed and I find for the softer leads the larger pencils don't break as often. You'll need to make sure you have a pencil sharpener that will fit the larger diameter.

**Sharpeners:** Whatever you have will be fine. I prefer manual hand held sharpeners with the large collection cup that twists on so it doesn't fall off and covers over the holes. I know some folks prefer using a knife to sharpen drawing pencils. I'm too worried I will hurt myself so I go with the safe contained sharpener. That being said, I have found a few that fit the bill.

-Staedtler- (Grip blue/silver double hole cylinder pencil sharpener )this sharpener has all the parts I like.

-Prismacolor- (dual hole -colored pencil sharpener) This is also a dependable sharpener as well. Sharpening graphite pencils in your colored pencil sharpener is recommended to extend sharpening ability of your sharpeners.

-Dahle- Is a dependable sharpener ..I recommend the dual hole. But not good for carrying in a purse or backpack ..*unless* you've emptied it first.

As most of my artwork is done using colored pencils you can guess I have quite a collection of hand held sharpeners. There are a few more I would recommend but I don't have a clue as to what brand they are..Sorry:(

**Paper:** I'm a big fan of Canson XL Recycled series. I use their sketch paper to do most of my sketching. I will have some 9x12 of their sketch paper as well as newsprint. I don't tend to use newsprint that often but I'll have some for the panel for guilt free warm ups. If you prefer to work on larger paper as I said feel free to bring your own.

**Drawing Boards:** I will have some clipboards that you can use as a drawing board but there may not be enough. I like to use smooth surface Clayboards by Ampersand and white binder clips to hold the paper to the boards. I also use these boards for my watercolor work. They make a great work surface.

**Stumps:** I call them smudgy sticks. I prefer stumps to tortillions. I think because I find them easier to hold.

**Erasers:** I know a lot of folks that like the kneaded erasers. I will have some if you need them. I call them artist's silly putty. I myself prefer white erasers. Here's a list of the three I use:

-Pental Clic eraser (mechanical eraser ,7-8mm?)

-Genreal's Facticis (mechanical eraser,4mm?)

-Tombow Mono Zero (mechanical eraser ,2.3mm)

You may also want to try Faber-Castell's perfection eraser pencil. It's an eraser in pencil form. You can sharpen it like a pencil for getting details.

If you are curious what is in my pencil roll? I have a fabric rollup pencil caddy I made not too long ago. I keep the 3 erasers listed above, a large smudgy stump and 3 Pentel mechanical pencils( 0.5,0.7 and 0.9 ) I carry this case wherever I go.

I also have an assortment of drawing pencils some I have listed above.

If you have any questions or would like more advice as to what to bring or buy feel free to contact me via email: [Karen@wrenditions.com](mailto:Karen@wrenditions.com)