

I suggest the following:

Your standard painting supplies that you use for your plein air painting, along with the below suggestions. Remember, we will be walking to various locations from the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity or from a parking area. Please ensure that what you bring is portable. Best to fit it into a backpack, a wagon or a trolley.

***Sketchbook:** A blank page book for writing notes and compositional sketching. Ensure you bring a pencil or pen, but most importantly, a black Sharpie.

***View Finder:** You can [buy a viewfinder from Opus](#) or go old school and just use your fingers.

Easel: A plein air pochade (painting) box or similar setup.

Canvas or Panels: I suggest a selection of panel or canvas sizes from 6x6" to 12x12" as you never know what proportion you will want to paint. I strongly suggest no larger than 12x12" to get the most out of the retreat. The focus will be on exploration and trying new approaches, not necessarily a finished painting. However, bring what you are most comfortable with.

Brushes: A selection of brushes from 1" to ¼ ". Flats, filberts or rounds. I am sure you have a good selection. Don't forget your mineral spirits or water for cleaning.

Palette knife: One or two palette knives. Not mandatory.

Paints: The paints you currently own, no need to buy anything specific for this workshop. Chances are you have a large selection but if you are looking for suggestions try, Hansa Yellow Medium, Cad Yellow Medium, Perylene Red, Permanent Alizarin Crimson, Cobalt Blue, Ultramarine Blue, Transparent Red Oxide (alt Burnt Sienna), & White.

Other: Masking tape

Additionally, it is always best to be prepared and bring sunscreen, a hat, an umbrella (for sun or rain), bug spray, a chair/stool, drinking water, wet wipes, good shoes, clothing layers and something to eat for lunch.

If you have any questions, please email me at mrking@michaelking.ca

Cheers,

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** I would consider these items some of the most important when plein air painting outside of your normal kit.*