

Professional Garden Design Course

Drawing Equipment

During your course you will require the drawing equipment from the list below. Your tutor will go over and explain this list and the items on it on the first day, so if you are unsure what to buy there will be a chance to ask further advice then.

1. Blank sketch book The School Principal uses sketchbooks by 'Seawhite of Brighton' – an A3 size - <http://www.seawhite.co.uk/> but you can use anything you like. It needs to be something that you feel comfortable jotting and sticking in. This sketch book will serve as your creative diary.

2. Notebook For taking notes during slide shows etc - can be in same book as above but we recommend to keep them separate.

3. A2 tracing paper You can buy this as separate sheets or in a pad - go for the cheapest lightest weight for rough work - such as 60gsm. Heavier paper such as 90gsm is more expensive but will last longer and be more resilient.

4. Sellotape

5. Pritt stick or similar Scotch produce a repositionable glue stick.

6. A2 layout paper in a pad

7. Writing pens for note taking

8. Pencils for sketching. We recommend propelling pencils - you may get one with your pen set. You will need leads and erasers also. The School Principal likes to use Pentel Twist-Erase III Automatic Pencil 0.5mm.

9. Technical drawing pens Ideally 0.25 mm, 0.35 mm and 0.5mm nibs, such as the Rotring College set. These pens do represent a bit of an investment but give by far the best results. Disposable pens will do the job but are not nearly as effective at producing accurate and neat drawings.

10. Black ink or cartridges if not buying disposable pens

11. Eraser for ink

12. Eraser guard

13. Camera - your phone should be fine.

14. A2 mounting board - we will discuss in class

15. A2 sheet of graph paper - 1cm squares A1 may be easier to source and can be cut in half.

16. Masking tape

17. Good light source at home

18. Pencil sharpener

19. Cotton wool buds

20. Multi scale ruler- we will discuss this in class

21. Tape measure/s - we will discuss in class

22. Circle template

23. Scissors

24. A2 drawing board - or A1 if you prefer

25. Fixative/ hairspray

26. Coloured chalk pastels

27. Water soluble coloured pencils

28. Compass - we like the Helix Precision Plus

29. Right angles set square – large

30. Portfolio for storing art work at home & USB memory stick

Please note due to our new Covid measures we ask all project work to be submitted digitally, as well as on a USB memory stick (back-up).

Great to have but not essential:

1. Inspirational books and magazines
2. A laptop
3. Access to internet
4. Hard landscaping brochures
5. Favourite plant books