

Recommended Workshop Supplies for Masterpiece Flourishing

- Graph Paper
- Soft lead pencil, such as a #2, or a Mechanical Pencil
- Pencil Sharpener for standard wood pencils
- Tracing Paper
- Low Tack Tape, such as Drafting Tape, Washi Tape, or Painter's Tape
- Fine-Pointed Markers, such as Pigma Micron Markers: sizes 01, 02, 03, 05, 08, 10
- NOTE: these supplies are all that is needed to draw your Masterpiece Flourishing design. To draw your finished design on quality artist paper, I recommend you also have Strathmore 400 Series Drawing Paper, or any brand of fairly smooth good drawing paper. If you wish to carefully redraw your completed design onto your drawing paper, a light table or a light pad is very helpful. If you do not have either of these, try to obtain a sheet of Graphite Paper. If this is unavailable, I will show you how to create your own graphite paper with a soft lead pencil; in this case, obtain a soft HB pencil.
- Usually Masterpiece Flourishing designs are created to accent a lettered text, such as a name, title, or a quotation. As such, I suggest that you also have your calligraphy lettering tools to do such text lettering if you wish to create your design as an accent to your desired text. I will explain this further in our first class.
- The materials listed above are for drawing your Masterpiece Flourishing design in black. If you wish to draw your final design on artist paper in a color, I will explain in our first class the materials I recommend, and the techniques to create designs where the fine hairlines are one solid color and the shades are any other color (or colors) you may desire. It's not difficult to do; only takes more time to create. Shades can also be filled in with colored pencil, metallic inks or pan colors, or with decorative line art. I'll show all of these techniques.
- The three most necessary factors in creating Masterpiece Flourishing is **1)** gaining the skill to create and manipulate curvature, **2)** having an understanding of Negative Space, and **3)** recognizing the concept of Balance so that you can achieve a harmonious design pattern. These concepts and the techniques to achieve them will all be thoroughly explained and demonstrated throughout our program.

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