

This list references the tools and materials I use but please don't feel you need to rush out and buy everything! For example, the grey backing cardboard from a pad of paper would work as a substitute for the toned coloured card and you can just shade with pencil rather than colour with paint or coloured pencils

Tools

- Graphite pencils – one soft and one hard leaded
- Sharpener
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Paint pallet
- Two reasonable quality paintbrushes with good points in two sizes, one fine (e.g. Size 0) and one larger (e.g. Size 2 or 3).
- Paper towel
- Container for water

Surface

- Cheap cartridge or printer paper for sketching / designing
- Tracing paper
- Toned coloured card A5 or A4 size (something like Strathmore 300gsm Tone Tan Mixed Media Paper or Clairfontaine 250gsm PaintOn Paper in Grey or Natural)

Colour

- White chalk / soft pastel pencil (something like Conté A Paris White Drawing Pencil)
- Coloured pencils
- Gouache or watercolours
- Metallic gold or black gouache for outlining

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