

Big Bold Texture with Encaustic

CLASS SUPPLY LIST

Welcome! I'll demonstrate with watercolor, ink, and pastels, but you can use what you've got in the studio that is close to what I'm showing. Acrylic is the big exception, because it doesn't bond well with the wax.

>> **For a detailed video and discussion**, watch my [Spring Fling encaustic demo from April 11, 2025](#).

ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

- A [pancake griddle](#) or [small fry pan](#) that heats to 200°F/93°C.
- A [surface thermometer](#) to check wax temps.
- ½ to 1lb (236 - 473ml) of [encaustic medium](#).
- A few inexpensive natural bristle brushes in various sizes. I like Princeton brand, but use what you have.
- A few rigid and absorbent [wood panels](#) without acrylic paint or gesso.
- An [embossing heat tool](#) (made for stamping) and/or a small [Crème Brûlée torch](#).
- A basic [pottery tool set](#) for scraping and carving.
- A [mini iron](#) or [hobby iron](#) depending on how large you plan to work.

OPTIONAL SUPPLIES

Encaustic Paint: I'll also demonstrate painting with colorful encaustic paint on a pancake griddle. My [Personalized Professional Paint Sets](#) are an easy way to get started or choose other [student grade](#) or [professional grade](#) sets. For an economical start, choose the smallest option of blue, yellow, red, and white to mix your own colors, preferably from R&F Paints or Enkaustikos, but use what you have.

Substrates: [Ampersand Encausticbord](#) (not gessobord) is an upgrade from wood panels, but is the easiest panel to start with. You can use wood, pressboard, or anything that is rigid, absorbent, and not coated with acrylic or oil. Smaller is better if you're just starting out. I use 5 x 7 and 8 x 10-inch panels in my classes.

Brushes: I prefer inexpensive [chip brushes](#) for paint in pots, and [finer detail brushes](#) from the art store for working directly on the griddle. Once used with encaustic, these brushes can't be cleaned for other mediums, so choose affordable ones while practicing.

Cleaning wax: [Paraffin](#) is inexpensive and easy to get from the grocery store baking/canning section. (you don't need much, but this is the best link I could find. I get mine at the grocery store. You can skip this purchase and use encaustic medium to clean your brushes instead.

Let me know if you have any questions. Links change frequently, so please let me know if any are broken and I'll help you find something similar. I look forward to painting with you! Linda Robertson