

Adventures in Gelli® Plate Printing Supply List (6 Hour Class)

Fabric: Pre-washed cotton fabric, either plain or previously dyed. You can also overprint commercial prints. Amount determined by how fast you work. Around 4 yards seems to work for the average student, but can be up to 6 yards. Smaller pieces are more manageable, so please cut down a few fat quarter sized pieces (18"x22") before class.

Fabric paint: You may use any fabric paints or textile inks you have. Thin/watery paints like Dynaflo will not work for this process. Also stay away from metallic paints. I like Permaset Aqua textile inks. They are available at the Permaset Aqua USA website (link below). If you choose to purchase these, do not buy the "Supercover" or "Glow" versions – just the standard Permaset Aqua. The 300ml size is best. You may print with any brand of fabric paint that is not thin and watery. Setacolor, Profab, Versatex and Jacquard, all available at Dharma Trading Company and Pro Chemical and Dye are great options. Transparent paints work best. There are some paint starter kits available at Dharma and Pro Chem. Please remember that if you are buying very small quantities of paint (less than 4oz or 100ml), you may be limited to working on fewer pieces of fabric. Purchase black and white. Red, yellow and blue are also recommended, but choose whatever other colors you'd like to work with.
<https://www.permaset.com/products/permaset-aqua-standard>
<https://www.dharmatrading.com/paints/all-our-paints.html?Inav=paints.html>
<https://prochemicalanddye.net/paints/profab-textile-paints/profab-textile-paints-transparent.html>

A hard rubber brayer (available at art supply stores or online).

A Gelli Arts® Gel Printing Plate (at least 8"x10") (available at art or craft stores and online).

A variety of textured found objects for patterning such as: wire whisks, construction fence, mesh from clementine boxes, leaves, string, rubber bands, corks, bubble wrap, kitchen sink mats, old lace, the bottom of wine bottles, etc. Let your imagination run wild! Check out dollar stores and home improvement stores for things with fun patterns on them.

Rubber or foam stamps and stencils that you have on hand. Optional: Bring a few old magazine pages with interesting photos and type fonts and any thermofax screens you might have.

An inexpensive foam brush.

A spray bottle for water. This can be a washed, recycled sprayer. It does not need to be new, but it does need to be clean.

A palette: a couple of styrofoam meat trays from the grocery store work great.

Scissors for cutting paper and a few sheets of scrap paper.

A cleanup rag and a water container.

A roll of inexpensive large size garbage bags or old newspapers to lay under your fabrics while they air dry. Plan according to how much fabric you bring.

Use gloves and wear old clothes. Use an apron if desired. A nail brush will help clean paint from fingernails.

Be sure to label ALL of your tools and brushes with your initials before bringing them to class.