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## Kit Description and Supplies

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Your kit fee includes the shared use of encaustic medium, the use of heat guns, torches, tacking irons, gesso, and the griddles that keep the hot-pigmented wax warm while working. Each person will receive one prepared board to get started on and paraffin wax for cleaning brushes. There will be access to some stencils, texture-making materials, and reference books.

### Supplies

Students need to supply small wooden supports (masonite or plywood) that have been lightly sanded. Cradled boards from an art supply store can also be used. Paint the smooth side of the board with white acrylic paint or white latex house paint. You may want to leave a few boards unpainted.

Suggested board sizes: 6x6", 8x8", 8x10", 12x12". Please stay within this size range. You will get the most out of the workshop if you do many small pieces as opposed to a few larger pieces.

Other suggested supplies include:

- oil paints; Basic colors such as Ivory black, Titanium white, Alizarin Crimson, Ultramarine or Cobalt blue, Cad Yellow light, Burnt sienna or whatever colors you like or have on hand. If you don't have any oil paints get a starter set of 1.25 fl. oz. tubes
- oil pastels (craypas) if you own some
- natural hair brushes that cannot be used for other painting after use with wax,  
Suggested sizes: 3 @ 1/4" to 1" wide, 1 @ 2"wide
- collage materials: handmade paper, photocopies, old drawings, dress patterns, fabric (some pieces larger than your board size), thread, embroidery floss, buttons and embellishments. These are just suggestions. Bring what interests you.
- one roll of paper towels
- several tuna fish or cat food cans (cans should have a flat-ish bottom, not a rimmed edge like on a soup can)
- scratching tools: knives, nails, carving tools, dental tools, clay tools, etc.
- texture-making materials: lace, zippers, stencils, metal screening, onion bag
- rubber stamps
- photocopies (not computer copies) for collage and transfers

You may want a mask if you are susceptible to wax fumes. You may want to wear gloves. Bring what you can and whatever else appeals to you. We can do some sharing/trading!