



MANIFEST DRAWING CENTER

The Figure In Colored Pencil

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August 8-10, 2025

Course Description

Taking inspiration from the “color spot” painting lineage associated with Charles Hawthorne, this workshop introduces students to a fresh, painterly approach to drawing the figure. Rather than focusing on line or contour, participants will learn to build their drawings using abstract shapes of value and color—an approach that encourages direct visual observation and emphasizes the overall impression of form and light. Working with colored pencils, students will explore techniques that blur the boundaries between drawing and painting. Through careful layering of transparent color shapes, the workshop guides artists in developing luminous, complex optical mixtures that convey mood, atmosphere, and structure. This process not only supports the development of color sensitivity, but also opens up expressive possibilities beyond traditional rendering. Colored pencil proves to be an ideal medium for this method: portable, versatile, and forgiving, it offers a full range of mark-making potential with minimal setup. Whether you're looking to enhance your sketchbook practice or deepen your understanding of color in your painting, this class offers an accessible and contemporary take on observational drawing that invites experimentation and personal expression.

Materials List:

Color Pencils:

OPTION 1: Faber Castell Polychromos Color Pencils 12-color pack recommended.

(If this is not available, any version of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, brown, black, and gray individual pencils will suffice.)

OPTION 2: Koh-I-Noor Progresso Woodless Colored 24-Pencil Set, Assorted Colored Pencils

Tools:

General Pencil Factic Pen Style Eraser (*a mechanical pencil style eraser for details*)

Helix White Pebble Ergonomic Eraser (*any white polymer eraser should also be fine*)

12" Clear Plastic Ruler

The Color Wheel Company 7002 View Catcher, 1pack, Multicolor

Color Evaluator Glasses - Red & Green Lenses - Cover or Close One Eye to See Your Projects Color Value (Gray Scale)

Staedtler Double Hole Pencil Sharpener, Two Holes for Standard Pencils, Large Colored Pencils, and Makeup Pencils, 512 001 BK

OR

OfficeGoods Electric Pencil Sharpener - Battery or Cord Powered Portable Sharpener - Perfectly Sharpens Colored Pencils, Drafting Pencils for Kids, Adults, Office, School and Home - Gold ****(Any Electric Sharpeners are GREAT Amy highly recommends)*

Paper:

Paper Recommendation- 8.5" x 11" Sketch or 32 lb printer paper for short drawings. Students may wish to experiment with higher quality paper of a **smooth** texture. I use 60-100lb. archival printer cardstock for longer drawings.

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