

Beginning Figure Sculpture - Materials List

WIFAS will provide J-Mac Classic Oil Clay and a custom armature that I, your instructor, will build. I will explain to you how to build your own for future use (It's very simple).

Please bring \$25 to cover the cost of these materials.

Now, all you need is a set of sculpting tools; however, even these are not entirely necessary. **If you came to class with no tools at all, that would be fine with me.** I will bring in some popsicle sticks and sandpaper to show you how you can create your own tools!

That being said, here is a brief overview of sculpting tools, if you would like to bring some in. They can be pretty handy to have around:

Know that oil based clay leaves a harmless residue that will stick to your tools and underneath your fingernails. If you've ever worked with oil, you know that it can be a pesky thing to remove. However, I use the same tools for both water based clay, and oil based clay, and therefore clean them all the time. (It's really not that difficult.)

We will be creating 15 inch tall figures and sculpting mostly with our hands. It is a short class, so we will not have time to get into too much detail. However, there will probably still be times when your fingers are just too big for the job, and you need a tool. Your local craft store, or Amazon, are excellent places find them. A basic clay sculpting kit will have everything you need. Wax sculpting kits are also excellent for oil clay, especially when working with smaller figures. Consider tools that have similar shapes to the ones pictured:



I am very fond of my knife tool. It allows me to remove small amounts of clay and easily draw lines into the surface. You'll find that we do this a lot. Here are examples of knife tools, but you can use anything. I have tried to use Xacto knives in the past; however, the clay gets into the base of the blade and loosens the connection. It is best to have a tool where the blade is permanently adhered to the handle.



It is also nice to have a tool to remove larger amounts of clay. I use a lemon zester, they're around \$8 on amazon. You can also use a rake tool, common in sculpting kits. For oil clay, I prefer rake tools that have little grooves in them.



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