Miniaturist’s Toolbox

Here is a list of items you may want to include in your basic toolbox. This is only a suggested list, and there may be additional items you want to add or you may not want to include them all. However, these are generally the things an instructor will expect you to have with you. If you need specific tools beyond this list, your teacher should let you know in advance. Your toolbox will evolve over time and reflect your personality as you make your miniature creations.

- X-acto knife with #11 blades
- small notebook and pencils
- 2 pair of scissors (paper and fabric)
- 12” and 6” cork-backed rulers
- glue spreader/old hotel keycards
- sandpaper (medium/fine)
- needle nose pliers
- masking tape
- Tacky glue
- toothpicks
- small cutting mat
- paint brushes
- small spring clamps
- fine point tweezers
- emery boards

You may wish to bring a work light and extension cord, as hotel lighting is not the best for us artisans.

Below are additional supplies that you may find are helpful to have:

- steel wool 0000
- rubber gloves
- wire cutters
- wood glue
- pin vise and drill bits
- cement for plastic
- utility knife
- plastic ‘zipper’ bags
- Super Glue
- 1” foam brush
- squaring jig or Legos
- damp cloth or wipes
- small T Square/right angle
- Q-tips
- bandaids
- ball stylus
- mouse pad
- sandpaper (medium/fine)
- small screw driver
- needle nose pliers
- container(s) for project
- masking tape
- wood glue
- small bar clamps
- toothpicks
- pins, needles, thread
- emery boards
- wax paper
- miter box/saw or chopper

Another item, though not a tool in itself, is a camera. There are many samples and setups that are best remembered via pictures.

**BASIC SKILLS**

These are considered the basic skills necessary for a productive, enjoyable workshop experience:

1. Use basic tools confidently
2. Cut accurately with an X-acto knife
3. Read rulers and mark lengths accurately
4. Have knowledge of basic glues and how to apply them
5. Know how to paint smoothly

When asked to list the skills needed beyond the basic ones, most teachers reply that they would be more than prepared to teach whatever their students did not know how to do. What they would like students to have are some “opens” - open mind/attitude, open heart, open eyes, open ears and an open ---

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