



Basic Toolbox List



Here is a list of items you may want to include in your basic toolbox. This is only a suggested list - there may be additional items you want to add or some you may not want to include at 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 instructor should let you know in advance. Your toolbox will evolve over time and reflect your personality as you make your miniature creations.

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| Xacto knife with #11 blades | Sandpaper (medium/fine) | Small cutting mat |
| Small notebook and pencils | Needle nose pliers | Paint brushes- various sizes & styles |
| 2 pair scissors (paper & fabric) | Masking tape | Small spring clamps |
| 12" and 6" cork-backed rulers | Tacky Glue | Fine point tweezers |
| Toothpicks | Emery Boards | Glue spreader/old hotel keycards |

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

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| Steel wool 0000 | Rubber gloves | Mouse pad |
| Wire cutters | Wood glue | Small screw drivers |
| Pin vise and drill bits | Cement for plastic | Container(s) for project |
| Utility knife | Plastic "zip" bags | Pins, needles, thread |
| Super glue | 1" foam brush | Wax paper |
| Squaring jig or Legos | Damp cloth or wipes | Small bar clamps |
| Small T-square or right angle | Q-tips | Miter box & saw or a chopper |
| Band-Aids | Ball stylus | Black "Sharpie" marker |

You may wish to bring a work light and extension cord as hotel lighting isn't always the best for Miniaturizing.

Bring a camera to take pictures of instructor samples and special setups/tools used.

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 instructors reply that they would be more than prepared to teach whatever their students do not know how to do. What they would like students to have are open minds and a willingness to learn.