

The Marc Dalessio Plein Air Set Up

A Note from Director Kevin McEvoy: "I have compiled a list of materials from conversation with Marc Dalessio and from reading his blog. This is gleaned from multiple blog entries, but this is the primary entry <http://www.marcdallesio.com/carbon-fiber-painting-gear/> . I purchased the entire setup for \$836. Not a bad price, when you think that a lot of mainstream plein air easels alone can go for pretty high prices, easily over \$500. However, this is everything, from the easel to brushes to canvas to panel carriers to painting medium to paints, and a backpack to transport all of them. Marc refined all of this over the course of a few decades, and this entire setup is super lightweight, which is of the utmost importance, as heavy backpacks and gear simply means that you won't bring them around. This setup also snaps together in just three minutes, when you head out to paint. Three minute prep time is really awesome- my past setups used to take twenty something minutes."

- **\$199** Tripod, Siriu, carbon fiber. Strong and lightweight. <http://a.co/hfl5gs7>
- **\$50** Lightweight backpack. Really, any backpack will do, with a bunch of pockets. I recommend the smallest backpack possible. <http://a.co/3njSybE>
- **\$75 for roughly 8 brushes.** Rosemary Brushes, Martora Kolinsky filbert sables- <https://www.rosemaryandco.com/oil-brushes/pure-kolinsky-sable-oils/pure-kolinsky-filbert>
- **\$75 for roughly 8 brushes.** Cornelissen Brushes, Hog Bristle filberts- <https://www.cornelissen.com/brushes/oil-painting-brushes/cornelissen-series-44-hog-filbert.html>
- **Free-** Empty Cigar Box- you just need a box that has metal hinges, not the paper hinged type. <https://www.ebay.com/itm/Empty-cigar-boxes-Cohiba-Ramon-Allones-and-Bolivar-/162729681720>
- **\$19** Demayerne Medium- <http://blueridgeoilpaint.com/product/demayerne-medium/>
- **\$19** Portable transport with locking lid- <http://a.co/j66jlev>
- **\$40** Carbon Fiber Tent Pole, for mail stick- <http://a.co/07K5CU9>
- **\$20 for two** Palette Cups, singles. I don't like the doubles that are attached, they are so frustrating. <http://a.co/avHTTrY>
- **\$20** New Traditions Panels. There are many types of linen, with many different primers- lead, titanium, etc. Each and every type is good, and I recommend just buying a few different small ones and seeing how you like them. For instance, some absorb a lot of paint, some absorb little- it's all about your painting style. <http://www.newtraditionsartpanels.com/store/products.php?cid=15>

- **\$13** Pink clamps. They are the best clamps I've come across, they are light but do not fall apart. All the other types of clamps (I've bought many) fall apart, or are too powerful. These seem better. <http://a.co/2AkTGxc>
- **\$20** Night Light- If you're planning on painting at night, clamps right to your easel, it's perfect. The color is not at all natural/daylight, but it works. This light is the best, because you can recharge the battery
- **\$8** Clamp for tripod- this is the clamp that I affixed to the central mast of the tripod, so that I could attach the cigar box. It takes a bit of creativity to attach some hardware to this piece which then attaches to the cigar box. Most important, I think you need to be able to just plop the cigar box onto the tripod in seconds. <http://a.co/ioCfRPm>
- **\$20** On top of the tripod, you need an extension mast. This is the mast that is long and flat, and you affix the canvas to it. When it arrives, you have to drill a hole in the bottom of the mast, so that you can slip a screw through it, affixing it to the ball head of the tripod. Sounds confusing, but you'll understand when it's in your hands. Carbon Fiber Rectangle, 0.196" x 0.787" x 24" (5 mm x 20 mm x 0.6 m, 89.2 grams), item # T796L2 for \$16.65 from this site: http://www.cstsales.com/Carbon_Fiber_Strips-ss3.html
- **\$30** Wet panel carriers: I just bought one, but will eventually probably buy a couple more sizes. <http://www.raymarart.com/Wet-Painting-Carriers-Wet-Panel-Carriers-s/21.htm>
- **\$16** Ultramarine blue deep. <http://a.co/3g1f3Je>
- **\$28** Williamsburg Cadmium Yellow Light <http://a.co/a9Hw9yT>
- **\$28** - Williamsburg Cadmium Yellow <http://a.co/3iCbqXk>
- **\$30** Williamsburg Cadmium Red Medium <http://a.co/ggfCWTC>
- **\$30** Williamsburg Cadmium Orange <http://a.co/cpmb5Q5>
- **\$40** Williamsburg Cerulean Blue <http://a.co/5ghoXNQ>
- **\$30** Williamsburg Cobalt Blue <http://a.co/eDkoifv>
- **\$14** Old Holland Titanium White, regular tube <http://a.co/8HgmGHA>
- **\$12** Loew Cornell palette knife

For further reading please visit Marc Dalessio's blog on Ultralight Plein Air Painting: <http://www.marcdallessio.com/ultralight-plein-air-painting/> “