

# Materials List for Gothic Fraktur

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## Required materials

- \* **ink:** either **walnut** or **Higgins Eternal Black**
- \* **nibs** (remember to buy left-handed nibs if you are left-handed):
  - one or more **Speedball C-2** nibs (Brause 3 mm and Mitchell 1 are also fine)
  - one or more **Speedball C-3** nibs (Brause 2 mm will also work)
  - *optional:* smaller nibs (such as **Speedball C-4**, Brause 1½ mm, etc)
- \* **nib holder** of your choice
- \* **practice paper:** either **Capitol Bond**, letter size or 11 x 17", one pack of 50 sheets (only available at [johnnealbooks.com](http://johnnealbooks.com)) or **Canson Pro Layout Marker** pad (available locally). *Do not* buy generic "Bond Paper" at Columbia.
- \* **fine art paper:** we will discuss paper options for your final project in class.
- \* **pencil** for ruling lines
- \* **writing implement** of your choice and **notebook** for taking notes
- \* **T-square**, preferably metal and at least 24" long, but bring what you have if you already have one
- \* **watercolors**, in any form that you already have. If not, you can buy an 8-palette set of Prang watercolors or a tube of your favorite color.
- \* **mixing brush** for watercolors (the one that comes with the set is fine, or any old brush. Don't buy a nice brush)
- \* small plastic **container** and **lid** (not necessarily matching; container for holding water and lid for preparing colors)
- \* **old toothbrush** for cleaning nibs
- \* **paper clips, scissors, cotton rag** or paper towels, **eraser**

## Optional materials

- \* metal cork-backed **ruler**, at least 24" long (preferred), or any ruler you have
- \* painter's **tape** or masking tape, low stickiness

*Local vendors such as Columbia Art and Drafting, Artist and Craftsman Supply, Blick, and Michael's have most of the needed materials.*

*Good online sources include John Neal Books, [www.johnnealbooks.com](http://www.johnnealbooks.com).*

*We will discuss materials in the first class.*

*You can wait to buy certain items if you are unsure; I will have some materials to lend.*

*Also feel free to contact me with questions: [studiobyrd@gmail.com](mailto:studiobyrd@gmail.com)*