

COMPLETE CREATIVE COLLAGRAPHY

This is a very long list and you certainly do not need it all at once! The links take you to UK suppliers. If you are having difficulty getting anything, try any of the following suppliers...

[Jacksons](#)

[Intaglio Printmakers](#)

[Lawrences](#)

[Artsavers \(SEAWHITE\)](#)

[Handprinted](#)

PRESS

On this course I use a Sizzix Big Shot Plus, an Xcut Xpress and a Cuttlbug. The beds are a cut down 12mm high catering board to 21.5 cm x 60cm for the first two, and 15cm wide for the Cuttlebug. The Sizzix and Cuttlebug require a deeper bed so I use one or two 3mm thick pieces of hardboard depending on the thickness of my plate. These don't have to be as long as your bed, but a minimum of 40cm.

[Handprinted](#) sell a kit for the Xcut which will also fit the Sizzix but you will still need hardboard or similar to pack the Sizzix up.

Blanket can be dense felt like this economy 5mm [specialist etching blanket](#) or a 3mm [economy](#) blanket, either will work fine with any press.

BASES; These are what you will build up or cut/score into.

We are aiming for bases that when not added to will either;-

- a) reject ink for light areas; a smooth surface like varnish or plastic
- b) hold some ink for mid value; unfinished card or plywood
- c) hold a lot of ink for dark values; a card base coated with pastes/silk

In **Part 1** I use plain card (beer mats/coaters), mount card/mat board, plastic

PART 1

Test boards. Small 10cm square or round pieces, I used beer matts but any stiff card will be fine

- 4-6 x card
- 2 x Mirror card or varnished card
- 2 x Drypoint plastic. You could use icecream tub lids, basically smooth and flat, not too thick.

Smooth surface bases (varnished mount card, enviromount or mirror card(glued to a thicker card for stability).

- 2 x 15 x 40
- 1 x 15cm square

PART 2

- Small pieces of smooth and unfinished card and plastic for TEST PLATES.

Smooth surface bases (varnished mount card, enviromount or mirror card(glued to a thicker card for stability)).

- 2 x 12 x 32cm
- 2 x 15cm square

Unsealed card mount card or stiff board

- 2 x 12 x 32cm
- 3 x 15cm square

Plywood. I used coasters from ebay but any thin ply will be fine. I used 6 small pieces

SUPPLIERS FOR BASES

- Mount card/Matt board is build in layers so peels away easily. As well as full sheets I buy boxes of off cuts from a framers. Other board and surfaces such as greyboard will work fine. The idea being they are stable, not too floppy, and not more than a couple of mm thick. Some of these you will leave plain, others you will need to varnish
- [Enviromount](#) is very thin, and an alternative to varnishing. I suggest you adhere it to card to help it last longer
- Mirror card as an alternative to varnished or Enviromount, readily available in craft stores, again adhere it to a card base to help it last longer. I use this one from [SEAWHITE](#)
- [Perspex](#)/polypropelene is for the drypoint plate it is basically a 0.5-2mm thick plastic that can be scratched and scored.
- Silk; a fine weave fabric about 95gm. Pongee silk or [Habatai](#) or [Silk Screen](#) mesh
- This can be glued down with Gloss Medium but I prefer to use Dry Mount Film, often called Double Sided Adhesive Film, or pressure photo mount film. UK supplier of film on [EBAY](#) or [X-film® Montex DX](#)

Papers and Tapes

- Paper: I use watercolour paper 220 or 350gm from [Seawhite](#). Any paper that's a similar weight, or heavier, will be fine.
- For better quality I use [Fabriano Rosapina](#) and [Khadi paper](#) 320gm which comes in a range of shapes and sizes
- Tracing paper (one A4 sheet)
- Copy or drawing paper 90gm +
- Newsprint (you can buy it as loose sheets or [a pad](#)) A3 or A4
- Blotting paper or smooth absorbent fabric

- Paper for chine colle; I use Wet Strength tissue that I paint with acrylic inks. Found papers such as book pages or sheet music, or origami papers are good too. The only rule is they must be thin
- Aluminium Foil tape 10cm wide (also called insulation foil tape) I use 3M or [Mammoth](#)
- Masking tape
- Sand paper
- Any other tapes that you find interesting ..copper tape etc
- Collage papers; look around the house for any cards with texture, thin fabrics etc Nothing super thick or absorbent. (Kids Glitter card is nice!)If you want to explore melting plastics like Tyvek or Lutrador you can get a mix pack [here](#)

Inking/Cleaning/Cutting tools

- [Scrim \(Tartalan\)](#) or Akua Wiping Cloth or soft cloths such as sheeting or smooth tea-towels, or sew-in interlining fabric (not iron on!)
- Tissue paper or telephone directory paper for wiping plates.
- Babywipes, (I use biodegradable ones by [MAMA](#))... and yes you can also use them as collage material
- Talc
- A soft toothbrush (I buy a kids pack of 5 from poundland).
- A spreader; this can be card, or an old credit card, [rubber spreader](#), silicone spreader....
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Scalpel (see above)
- A tool for DRYPOINT an [etching tool](#), this can also be a nail or an engineers scribe
- Palette knife
- Cutting mat
- Old store catalogue
- [Squeezy bottles](#) 30ml
- [Needle tip bottles](#) 10ml

Printing Ink;

- I use [Akua intaglio](#) in carbon black, another good brand is [Caligo Etching ink](#) but you may need to add oil to loosen it.
- COLOURS! AKUA make a [starter pack](#) with a range of colours and mediums
- Its possible to use oil paint but it will need mixing with [Schminke Intaglio Printing Medium](#). Alternatively any oil based etching ink will be fine but you will need solvents to clean up. You can use relief inks like Caligo Relief Ink but you MUST clean them off the plate thoroughly or they dry in all your lovely textures!

PLUS

- Varnish should be gloss and water based.
- GOLDEN Gloss Medium or a good PVA
- Shellac This is OPTIONAL I like it to seal but it is smelly and needs cleaning with meths. If you don't like spirit based products or have small children don't buy it!

ACRYLIC based pastes and gels

I recommend as a minimum you buy a product that will print light, one mid value and one dark. In addition, consider the viscosity of the products you buy; a range of thin to thick will give you greater variety. I favour GOLDEN but there are plenty of other brands, don't buy super cheap though, it can be a waste of time as the polymers are not strong enough, or they dissolve in water. A few top quality products will be better than a lot of cheap ones and disappointments when they fall off or stick to the paper!

As a MINIMUM kit I would recommend one of the following options...

- GOLDEN Heavy Body Acrylic (white)
- GOLDEN Gloss Medium
- GOLDEN Heavy Gel GLOSS **or** Extra Heavy Gel GLOSS + Gloss medium
- GOLDEN Micaceous Iron Oxide (fluid or Heavy Body) **or** Akua Carborundum Gel **or** Fine Carborundum powder mixed with Gloss mediums
- Any brand of ready mixed Ceramic Tile Adhesive either marked as waterproof or water resistant, **or** ready mixed wall filler (polyfiller) that you can add Gloss Medium to make it waterproof and stronger

THE FULL WET MEDIA LIST! This is the FULL list of the pastes and gels I use on the course BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO BUY THEM ALL! I just wanted to show what they all do.

Most products can be adapted and replicated with other media. .

Gels & Medium

- [GOLDEN Gloss medium](#)
- [GOLDEN Soft Gel](#) or a good quality tube Acrylic Paint (white so that you can see the tone/value)

I use the following matte and gloss gels in different consistencies but I show how to adapt the Extra Heavy Gel Gloss to replicate the others.

- [GOLDEN Regular Gel Semi-Gloss](#)
- [GOLDEN Extra Heavy Gel Gloss](#)
- [GOLDEN Extra Heavy Gel Matt](#)

Pastes

- [GOLDEN Light Molding paste](#) This can be replicated with Heavy Gel + [Derivan Matisse](#) Microspheres, Ceramic Tile Adhesive or Polyfilla
- [Ranger Opaque Crackle Paste](#)
- [GOLDEN Crackle Paste](#)

Grits

- [GOLDEN fluid 30ml in Micaceous Iron Oxide](#)
- [GOLDEN HB Micaceous Iron Oxide](#)

- [AKUA Carborundum Gel](#)
- [Carborundum Grit \(fine\)](#) to make your own Carb Gel mixed with Gloss Medium, Soft or Regular gel
- [GOLDEN Coarse Pumice](#) or GOLDEN Extra Heavy Gel+ [Derivan Matisse](#) loose grits/sand/garnet etc

OTHERS

- [GOLDEN Gesso](#)
- [GOLDEN GAC100](#) (very thin polymer, similar to consistency of Shellac)
- [GOLDEN Clear Tar Gel](#)