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Calligraphy: Flourishes, Ornamentation, and Fun!
Fox Chapel Area Adult Education

Supply List:

Like in any art discipline, supplies can range from inexpensive to very expensive. I provide here my recommendations for supplies with reasonable costs. You don't need expensive supplies to create beautiful art.

I included links, but please note some of these may be found for cheaper at other places.

I included several inks and several papers because we will go over these and use them in class, but it is of course possible to learn with only one basic dark ink and one basic white paper.

Where to buy supplies:

Paper and Ink Arts and John Neal Bookseller specialize in calligraphy supplies.
I also purchase mine from Amazon.

Links: <https://www.paperinkarts.com/>
<https://www.johnnealbooks.com/>

Please gather these required supplies before class:

1/ A pen holder

Whether you are right-handed or left-handed, I suggest trying your hand at both the right-handed oblique pen holder and the straight pen holder. For this reason, having a dual pen holder that could act as both would be a convenient choice for beginners and non-beginners alike.

My dual pen recommendations for beginners:

<https://www.yokepencompany.com/products/deuce>
<https://a.co/d/09R3x41M>
<https://www.johnnealbooks.com/product/dual-use-workshop-holder-oblique-and-straight>

Alternatively, you can get a separate oblique pen holder and a separate straight pen holder. Generally, Paper and Ink Arts and John Neal Bookseller sell good and reliable pen holders.

2/ Pointed Nibs

Pointed nibs are meant to be used and disposed of when they wear out, so I suggest getting 2-3 nibs of each kind. You can bring your favorite pointed nibs. If you are only getting one kind, I suggest the Zebra G nibs for beginners.

- Zebra-G nibs: durable, not too sharp. Great for beginners.
<https://www.paperinkarts.com/zebrac.html>
- Hunt 101 nibs: very sharp, very flexible. Good for creating dramatic lines and for training lighthanded-ness.
<https://www.paperinkarts.com/hnt101.html>

3/ Dinky dip

To store multiple kinds of ink and dip the pen in.

<https://www.paperinkarts.com/dinkydsc.html>

4/ Other supplies:

- Lots of paper towels for cleaning nibs
- A light pencil
- An eraser (preferably vinyl eraser)
- Two small containers for water.
- 10- or 12-inch ruler