

## Keith's Plein Air list of equipment

Pochade Boxes for oil & acrylic.  
Open Box M  
EasyL Classic 2

Tripod palette shelves  
[artboxandpanel.com](http://artboxandpanel.com) by James Coulter  
Joshua Been [prolificpainter.com](http://prolificpainter.com)

A 12x16 inch pochade box and a 9.5x15.5 inch tripod/palette shelf will fit in a Redwing 50 backpack with room for paints, brushes and accessories.

Panel and canvas holders (stick type)  
Guerrilla Painter FlexArm #17(watercolor too)  
Joshua Been [prolificpainter.com](http://prolificpainter.com)  
James Coulter [artboxandpanel.com](http://artboxandpanel.com)

All of the above need a camera tripod with a quick release on the tripod head.

### Tripods

The Manfrotto brand tripod is good choice and can be equipped with a sturdy ball head.

Super Light weight tripod- Manfrotto BeFree AdvanceGT-Just strong enough for light use. Comes in Aluminum or carbon fiber. For watercolor use and smaller oil painting set ups.

A heavier duty tripod in either aluminum or carbon fiber is recommended for most other oil/acrylic painting set ups.

Aluminum vs Carbon fiber tripod pros/cons  
Aluminum a little heavier than carbon fiber  
Heavier Aluminum-can clamp umbrella to leg  
Carbon fiber-do not clamp anything to legs  
Both support tripod shelves  
Carbon fiber-light & strong but expensive  
Aluminum - salt water okay  
Carbon fiber/magnesium- no salt water use  
Options-Twist leg locks or flip lever leg locks

### French easels

The "Safari 2" French easel from Jerry's Artarama - the canvas holders can be removed to use it like a flat table for watercolor. A Jack Richeson George Hensons "Shelf Help" brand aluminum shelf(Also from Jerry's Artarama) is very handy and hooks onto the open drawer of the French easel. The "Shelf Help" comes in two types a "right handed" shelf or a "left handed" shelf.

A “Alex Hardy French Easel Carrier Back Strap” from Jerry’s Artarama is a very helpful backpack style carrier for a French easel.

The down side of a French easel is they are heavy and sometimes/often not well made.

#### Umbrellas

Guerrilla painter - sticks into ground or grass

DIY PVC pipe extension for Guerrilla Umbrella because it’s not quite high enough

EasyL or BetterBrella-Clamps to tripod/easel

Plano brand plastic cases for paints, brushes & palette knives-available at hardware stores and sporting goods stores that sell fishing tackle like Dick’s Sporting goods

#### For Oil or acrylic

Paints

Painting medium

Gamsol for oil painting & brush cleaning

Canvas or panel for painting

A bottle of water to clean acrylic brushes

Wastewater jar for acrylic wastewater

#### For Watercolor- folding palette filled w/ paint

Watercolor paper

Window plexi backing board to tape/stretch watercolor paper on with Artist tape.

water jar or tub for painting water

Bottle of water to paint with

Wastewater jar for watercolor-Ball Mason Jar

2H Pencils for watercolor drawing

Pencil sharper

Pencil Eraser

Watercolor brushes-larger Rounds & a rigger

Art essentials brand plastic pencil case for watercolor brushes, pencils, pencil accessories and butter/palette knife.

Butter or palette knife for removing watercolor paper from watercolor blocks

Very small spray bottle to wet watercolors

Smaller backpack for watercolor supplies

Portfolio case for watercolor paper & boards

#### Clothing

A wide brimmed sun protective hat !!!!

Sun protective shirts and long pants

Good Tick protection practices

Sunscreen

## Accessories

Palette paper- "Grey Matters" brand

Palette side shelves for pochade boxes

Brush holder

Palette cups for painting medium & Gamsol

Blue shop towel paper towels or rags

Trash bag or plastic trash bags

Nitrile or vinyl gloves to protect hands

Artist tape - 1 inch and 1.5 inch (Dick Blick)

Charcoal for preliminary sketch on canvas

Dish soap to wash oil or acrylic brushes

Optional: a small bottle vegetable oil to clean oil paint brushes