

# Professional Garden Design Course

## Drawing Equipment

During your course you will require the drawing equipment from the list below. Your tutor will go over and explain this list and the items on it on the first day, so if you are unsure what to buy there will be a chance to ask further advice then.

**1. Blank sketch book** The School Principal uses sketchbooks by 'Seawhite of Brighton' – an A3 size - <http://www.seawhite.co.uk/> but you can use anything you like. It needs to be something that you feel comfortable jotting and sticking in. This sketch book will serve as your creative diary.

**2. Notebook** For taking notes during slide shows etc - can be in same book as above but we recommend to keep them separate.

**3. A2 tracing paper** You can buy this as separate sheets or in a pad - go for the cheapest lightest weight for rough work - such as 60gsm. Heavier paper such as 90gsm is more expensive but will last longer and be more resilient.

**4. Sellotape**

**5. Pritt stick or similar** Scotch produce a repositionable glue stick.

**6. A2 layout paper** in a pad

**7. Writing pens** for note taking

**8. Pencils** for sketching. We recommend propelling pencils - you may get one with your pen set. You will need leads and erasers also. The School Principal likes to use Pentel Twist-Erase III Automatic Pencil 0.5mm.

**9. Technical drawing pens** Ideally 0.25 mm, 0.35 mm and 0.5mm nibs, such as the Rotring College set. These pens do represent a bit of an investment but give by far the best results. Disposable pens will do the job but are not nearly as effective at producing accurate and neat drawings.

**10. Black ink or cartridges** if not buying disposable pens

**11. Eraser for ink**

**12. Eraser guard**

**13. Camera** - your phone should be fine.

**14. A2 mounting board** - we will discuss in class

**15. A2 sheet of graph paper** - 1cm squares A1 may be easier to source and can be cut in half.

**16. Masking tape**

**17. Good light source at home**

**18. Pencil sharpener**

**19. Cotton wool buds**

**20. Multi scale ruler**- we will discuss this in class

**21. Tape measure/s** - we will discuss in class

**22. Circle template**

**23. Scissors**

**24. A2 drawing board** - or A1 if you prefer

**25. Fixative/ hairspray**

**26. Coloured chalk pastels**

**27. Water soluble coloured pencils**

**28. Compass** - we like the Helix Precision Plus

**29. Right angles set square** – large

**30. Portfolio for storing art work at home & USB memory stick**

Please note due to our new Covid measures we ask all project work to be submitted digitally, as well as on a USB memory stick (back-up).

Great to have but not essential:

1. Inspirational books and magazines
2. A laptop
3. Access to internet
4. Hard landscaping brochures
5. Favourite plant books