

This list references the tools and materials I use but please don't feel you need to rush out and buy everything! For example, the grey backing cardboard from a pad of paper would work as a substitute for coloured card and you can always add colour with pencil rather than painting.

Tools

- ✎ Graphite pencils (regular or mechanical) – one hard leaded for construction lines and one soft leaded for sketching
- ✎ Sharpener and eraser
- ✎ 30cm / 12inch ruler (a transparent one with parallel lines is ideal but not essential)
- ✎ A drawing compass
- ✎ Metal spoon, polished stone or cowrie shell to rub over the reverse of tracings to transfer designs
- ✎ Paint brush if painting (something small like a size 0,1 or 2)

Surface

- ✎ Cartridge or printer paper for sketching / designing
- ✎ Minimum size A4 tracing paper and some low tack, or washi, tape
- ✎ Minimum size A4 mid-toned, tea-stained or watercolour paper of your choice for final design

Colour

- ✎ Coloured pencils (or watercolour or gouache if you prefer to use paint)
- ✎ Black Fineliner or Micron Pen, nib size 0.05 or 0.1 (eg. UNI-BALL PIN Fineliner Pen) or black ink or gouache paint
- ✎ Gold pen (eg. SAKURA Gelly Roll Metallic Pen) or gold paint (eg. Winsor & Newton Designers Gouache in GOLD)

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