



SUGGESTED SUPPLIES FOR A GOURD ARTIST Toolbox

Below is a suggested list of items you will want to include in your basic toolbox. It is very helpful to assemble this box and bring it with you to classes and workshops. Again, this is only a suggested list and there may be additional items you want to add, but these are generally the things your teacher will expect you to have with you. Specific tools beyond this, your teacher will let you know in advance.

X-Acto knife with asst. blades
Small super glue
Pin vise drill or awl
Steel wool (0000)
Aileen's tacky glue (small)
Small container wood putty
Pkg assorted needles
2 small clamps
Notebook and pencils
Rubber gloves for staining
Brush water container
Asst. size brushes (liner, 1/4" & 1")
Paper palette
Tracing paper & carbon or Press N seal
Blue masking tape
Assorted small drill bits
Purse size first aid kit

Good quality dust mask
Paper towels
Small Pkg. baby wipes
Flexible ruler
Sharp scissors small and med.
Fine sandpaper
Craft tweezers
Pair hemostats
Hand gourd saw
Tracing stylus
Fine point sharpie or red ink pen
Extras to consider
Small container bug spray
Small container sun screen
Small spray water bottle
Electrical power strip
Task light

The following are considered the basic skills necessary for a productive, enjoyable class experience:

1. Basic knowledge of your wood burner and pens
2. Basic knowledge of your carver and burs
3. Basic knowledge of a gourd saw and blades
4. Thorough knowledge of personal protection while cleaning or working on gourds.

Most teachers, when asked to list the skills needed beyond the basic ones reply that they would be more than prepared to teach whatever their student did not know how to do. What they would like students to have are some "opens"- an open mind, and open heart, open eyes, and an open.....

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