





Palette Options

PALETTE	PROS	CONS
No Palette Mix directly on the painting surface.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No mess. • No waste. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not as easy to paint clean lines. • Might run out of a mixed color.
Paper or Cardboard Palette Often made from recycled and/or donated materials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create palettes out of scraps from the recycling bin. • Dispose of palette at end of class. • No washing necessary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can't mix too much paint without destroying the palette. • Some paint soaks into the palette which can alter the mixing ratio. • A colored piece of paper might skew mixed color. • Colors might run together.
Palette with Wells 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A large amount of paint is contained inside the wells. • Keeps mixed colors separated. • Easy to mix enough paint for big area. • Relatively inexpensive. • Can be reused. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have to be washed out. • Messy cleanup - water tends to splash all over. • Lid is not water tight.
Inexpensive Flat Palette 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A large flat area. • More like an actual painting palette. • Can put Press 'n Seal over and store paint from day to day. • Relatively expensive. • Easier to wash. • May stain. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can get pricey if needing more than a class set. • Will eventually break while washing (lifespan roughly: 6 months to 2 years)
Heavy Duty Art Tray 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A large flat area. • Stackable • Can put Press 'n Seal over and store paint from day to day. • Very durable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May warp over time. • Expensive. • Tend to stain.

Protip: The “lunch ladies” have the BEST FREE containers and are happy to keep and wash them for an art teacher who smiles and offers to draw out a poster or two. A large drawn out thank you card also helps.