

# Palette Options

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

**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.

