

## Tips for Taking A Class Online

### Zoom

Special instructions for entering our Zoom classrooms will be sent to each student several hours, or the day before the start of the class with a link and a password and any relevant instructions. Please try to register at least 24 hours before the class begins so that we can easily get that info to you. Downloading the Zoom app beforehand makes things simple, although it is not necessary. You will be guided through a few steps to get into the classroom, though. Only those who have registered will have access.

### Using the Space You Have

Some of you have asked for tips on setting up an at-home space for taking classes. It will be different for everyone – some may have a spare bedroom to convert into a studio, and others may need to set up in a corner of their apartment living room. Either way, nothing should stop you from making art. Supplies in our materials lists can all be adapted, and entire lists are not required. We know that space is a limitation for many of you, as are funds in many cases at this time. Resourcefulness and accessibility is the name of the game right now, and we are flexible.

An easel is great to have, and if you are looking to purchase one there are a lot of lightweight folding easels that are not too pricey. This Testrite easel is similar to some at WSS and is one option: <https://www.dickblick.com/items/50207-0500/>

Many others, including tabletop easels, are also available online. But if you don't have an easel you can cover a kitchen chair with something to protect it and lean the drawing pad or canvas against the back while it sits on the seat. That will mean you will also be sitting on a chair or stool opposite it. Or you can come up with your own creative solution – our students are great at that.

A very compact studio can be contained in a rolling cart like these from the Container Store, Michaels, or elsewhere.

<https://www.containerstore.com/s/mint-3-tier-rolling-cart/d?productId=11009842&q=elfa%20mesh%20rolling%20carts>

This is a more expensive version but can store more. Materials can be stored in the drawers, and you can keep a palette on the top surface:



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Some plastic or fabric sheeting to protect floors and furniture, a light to direct at your set-up, and a sink for clean-up are the only other things you need. If you are working with oils, a utility sink and good ventilation are important. And remember to NEVER pour solvent down the drain.