



Mokuhanga 1 – Tomoko Murakami

Materials List

1. Notebook, journal, or sketchbook
2. Apron or work cloth
3. Design ideas (6" X 9" is recommended)
4. Wood Carving tools (If you have any)
5. A lunch bag

Image preparation

For this project, a simple and bold design works better than a delicate and detailed design. I recommend treating the design as a flat, 2-dimensional surface rather than attempting shading (= gradation). If you use a photo as your design, it needs to be simplified, stylized, or flattened to clarify content. If you need clarification on what to do, I can help make the design easier in the class.

I also highly recommend including outlines (= line art) in your design. The key block, which will be carved first, contains the outlines and visual information necessary to make all the other color blocks. So, having line art in your design helps you understand the traditional Ukiyo-E method.

The block size is 6"X 9". Please prepare your design accordingly.

Below is the link to the Google Drive folder containing a material list, some sample images of Mokuhanga, and information about Ukiyo-E.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1wl0_wzrNixwdBsKB0HjnzoBbAnxnDkaI?usp=share_link

Optional Materials

- Carving Tools (optional)

Although purchasing carving tools is not required, if you would like to get your own set, here are some recommendations:

****DO NOT purchase "NIJI" brand**

Blick:

- [Blick Art Flex Beginners Palm Set](#) - \$76.95
- [Palm Grip Carvers](#) - \$59.09

McClain's Printmaking Supply:

- [Namisei Original Four Tool Set](#) - \$63.75

Hida Tools & Hardware Co:

- 1333 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94702 (cross St. is Gilman Ave.) Store hours: 9 am – 6 pm, Mon. through Sat. Closed Sunday.
- [Power Grip Woodcutting Chisel set of 5](#) - \$52.90 (Amazon has a cheaper one)
- [Michihamono Gakudo Power Grip Woodcutting Chisel Set of 5](#) Chisel Set of 5 - \$29.90

Amazon:

- [Mikisyo Power Grip Carving Tools, 5 Piece Set \(Japan Import\)](#) - \$46.98
- [HACHIEMON Japanese Wood Carving Tools 5PCS Set for Wood Working - Sharpness and Durability](#) - \$24.80
- [KAKURI Japanese Wood Carving Tools Set for Beginners \(7 Pcs\) Made in Japan, Wood Carving Knife for Woodblock Printing, Woodcut Printmaking, Linoleum Carving, Linocut](#) - \$30.80
- [Shoto. Made in Japan. 7 pc. Wood Knife Kit, Wood Carving Tools and Case, Hand Carving Tool Set for DIY, Chisels, Gouges, Scrapers, V Parting, Relief Tools for Wood Blocks, Basswood, Softwoods \(7\)](#)- \$29.90