

Spotting and Plotting Patterns in Plants Helen Allen

IF you would like to draw along with me or try later these are the materials and equipment I use. I will also show them to you at the beginning of my demo.

There are many manufacturers out there and there is no magic necessarily in using what I use!

The ones below are those I shall be using for this demo only.

I have many wooden pencils as well as clutch and mechanical pencils in a whole range of tones.

They have some weight to them and are also very nicely balanced at whichever angle to the paper you chose to work.

Sketching

- Graphite sticks - various from 3B - HB
- Staedtler Mars Technico 780C Clutch Pencil 2mm and refill leads

I do like to have graphite sticks and 2mm clutch pencils for sketching and drawing - sharpened to a fine point these are excellent for all drawing

Then technical pencils for refining.

Refining

- Staedtler Mars Micro 775 Mechanical Pencil 0.3mm and refills HB and 2H
- Pentel Orenz PP 502 Mechanical Pencil 0.2mm and refills HB only

Erasers

- Staedtler Mars Plastic Eraser
- Tombow MONO Zero Fine Eraser and Refill Pack
- Faber-Castell Kneadable Artists Eraser in case

Sharpeners

- Staedtler 502 Lead Pointer Tub for 2mm leads
- Faber Castell 18 66 00 little sharpener (much cheaper than above) for 2mm and 3.15mm leads

Cartridge drawing paper, or sketch-book paper.

I use very cheap watercolour paper with a smooth surface

Tracing vellum, useful always!

Then of course, there are other bits and pieces from my general store of equipment