

## **Charcoal Material List**

If you want to learn to paint without draining your wallet, start with charcoal on smooth newsprint. It builds the same habits and hand skills you'll need when you eventually pick up a brush. Beginners should use it, and seasoned painters should keep using it.

### **Recommended Charcoal Pencils**

- Wolff's Carbon 6B or 4B
- Conte 1710 B

### **Smooth Newsprint Paper**

Smooth newsprint is the proper surface for charcoal studies. It accepts marks in a way that mimics oil painting far better than rough newsprint will. If you pick the wrong paper, you'll fight the surface instead of learning from it.

### **Recommended Options**

- Strathmore 300 Series Newsprint – Art Supply Warehouse
- Strathmore 300 Series Newsprint – Blick

### **Kneaded Erasers**

- Prismacolor Design Kneaded Rubber Eraser

### **Razor Blades**

- Hardware Store Single Edge Razor Blades

### **Sanding Pad Recommended**

- 120 Grit Sandpaper
- Artist Sandpaper pad