



Marbling on Fabric Materials List Overview

Below is an overview of the materials used in the **Clouds on Water ~ Marbling on Fabric eCourse**. Because this course focuses on technique, there is a lot of flexibility in your material selection and options. Don't feel limited (or overwhelmed!) by what is listed below. A more detailed list with preferred suppliers* and brands used in the demonstrations will be sent to you once you register.

**Special note: The suppliers provided are US-based companies that may or may not ship internationally. If you live outside of the US and have a hard time finding supplies, please let Barb know and she will reach out to her international colleagues for information on suppliers in your country.*

As a reminder, this course builds upon prior marbling experience, therefore you should already have basic marbling supplies and tools such as a tank, rakes and combs, carrageenan or methyl cellulous for the bath, alum, paper, paint, etc.

Size/Bath ~ Carrageenan or methyl cellulous

Paints ~ Soft body and fluid acrylics only. No hard body paints and no dyes.

Heavy Duty Detergent to Remove Sizing from Fabric ~ such as Synthrapol

Fabrics ~ Natural fibers marble best: cotton, silk, bamboo, linen, canvas. Some blends will marble too. Hand- or commercially dyed fabric is fun to marble on too.

Masking Material ~ film frisket or freezer paper

Additional tools ~ extra 2- or 5-gallon buckets for rinsing/washing and applying alum, iron and ironing board, dowels, lint roller, sewing scissors or rotary cutter.

Clouds on Water

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Marbling Kits and Supplies Available

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Marbling Supplies

Carrageenan

Barb prefers to marble paper on a carrageenan bath and fabric on either a carrageenan or methyl cellulous (MC) bath. While all the demonstrations in this eCourse are done on an MC bath, they can also be done on carrageenan. Carrageenan is a food-grade seaweed extract that comes in powdered form. Instructions for making a carrageenan bath are included.

- 1/4 lb. of carrageenan (makes approx. 5 gallons of bath)
- 1/2 lb. of carrageenan (makes approx. 10 gallons of bath)
- 1 lb. of carrageenan (makes approx. 20 gallons of bath)

Alum

Alum is the binding agent used to get paint to stick to whatever is being marbled on ~ paper, fabric, wood, or other porous materials. It comes in powdered form and is mixed with water to create a liquid application. A little bit of alum goes a long way and has an indefinite shelf life. Instructions for making alum are included.

- 1/2 lb. of alum
- 1 lb. of alum

Dispersant

Barb's preferred dispersant is Kodak PhotoFlo and is what she uses in all of the demonstrations in this eCourse. Like alum, a little bit goes a long way.

- 2 oz. starter bottle

Starter Marbling Kits

The **Starter Marbling Kit** and the **Just-the-Basics Marbling Kit** pulls together almost everything you need to get started marbling. This not only eases the trouble of ordering from multiple suppliers, but you'll also feel confident knowing you'll be working with Barb's preferred tools and favorite materials which have been vetted by her.

The **Starter Marbling Kit** is available in two sizes:

- 11"x14" tank
- 18"x24" tank

Included in the Kit:

- Clear, acrylic marbling tank
- Rinse/cover board
- Carrageenan ~ 1/4-pound or 1/2-pound
- Alum ~ 1/4-pound or 1/2-pound
- Dispersant ~ 2 oz. (large kit only)
- Stylus
- Plastic Comb (1-inch spacing)
- 10 eye droppers
- Plastic broomstraw ~ enough to make up to 10 whisks



Not included:

- Acrylic paint
- Paper (or other materials on which to marble)
- Other size rakes and combs
- Miscellaneous items such as water, sponge, spray bottle, rubber gloves (for applying alum), paint containers, and high-speed blender (to make bath)!

Just-the-Basics Marbling Kit

The **Just-the-Basics Marbling Kit** is geared toward those who want to source or make their own tank and rinse board but would like all the other goodies instead! The kit is available in two sizes (small and large).

Included in the Kit:

- Carrageenan ~ 1/4-pound or 1/2-pound
- Alum ~ 1/4-pound or 1/2-pound
- Dispersant ~ 2 oz.
- Stylus
- Plastic Comb (1-inch spacing)
- 10 eye droppers
- Plastic broomstraw ~ enough to make up to 10 whisks

Not included:

- Tank and rinse/cover board
- Acrylic paint
- Paper (or other materials on which to marble)
- Other size rakes and combs
- Miscellaneous items such as water, sponge, spray bottle, rubber gloves (for applying alum), paint containers, and high-speed blender (to make bath)!

