

Greetings to the participants of **Suminagashi, Ink on Water and Japanese Bookbinding,**

I am excited to share the wonderful world of suminagashi and Japanese bookbinding with you all. To prepare for the class, I would like you to please bring with you, if you are able, some of the items below. They can be purchased through blick.com, or various other art supply stores or Amazon. I know that Blick.com carries them. If you would like to bring special papers that you would like to test, that would be fine.

A material's fee of \$10. for the four classes could be paid to me instead of purchasing the items below. Arrangements will be made for this. Please bring a check made out to Christina Di Marco.

Items to be bought and brought to Vassar College:

WEEKS 1 & 2 : Suminagashi, Ink Floating on Water

plastic or glass tray @11" x 14"

From blick.com 12236-1023 Yasutomo Japanese Sketch Paper 9" x 12" (6H)

01309-1009 Boku Undo Suminagashi Marbling Kit (Color!)

and/or 21135-1002 black Sumi Ink 2 oz, waterproof when dry

two small sumi brushes - possibly: Deco Art Water Marbling Sumi Brush Set - 83521-1001

2 very small cups, one for ink, one for dispersant,

- various strong handmade papers - optional

WEEKS 3 & 4 - Japanese Bookbinding

- A selection of your suminagashi papers

- drawing paper for pages of books (60#), or good copy paper... 9" x 12" or 8-1/2" x 11" - 24 pages each week.

Other materials will be provided or you can bring your own:

embroidery needles,

embroidery or linen bookbinding threads,

folding tools for the papers (bone folders or wood)

ruler

scissor (or knife and cutting board)

- Some decorative printed papers for endpapers will be provided or could be brought.

These workshops will be a good introduction to Suminagashi and Japanese Bookbinding! I am looking forward to meeting you all.

The lists below are ones that I have created for students who would like to continue learning on their own. A lot of the supplies are common sense and things you will have at your homes or studios.

Let's enjoy and create!

Best wishes,

Christina