

## DEAR ERIC COLUMN - MAY

Dear Eric,

I noticed in the video of your window painting street demo in Spain that you were using a small portable pallet. What brand and does it include paints or did you use your own from tubes? *Gordon*

Gordon,

The hand held palette is actually quite old- 30 years. It is an enameled metal Holbein palette. Like the preferred butcher tray palette popular with watercolorists, enameled surfaces eliminate water beading. It is heavier than a plastic hand-held palette, but the ease in which to mix pigments on the enamel surface offsets that.



I thought this palette was off the market, but recently a student told me they were able to find this same palette from a source in Japan. I have not pursued looking into it.

Even though many hand-held palettes have wells designed to hold cake colors, I prefer moist paint- I simply squeeze out fresh paint for each painting session. This is the only way I know to achieve the rich color harmonies I so enjoy.

Keep your brush wet!

Eric



*AWS Gold Medal of Honor Award*