

	ColourBlend Spectrum Noir	Prismacolor Premier Softcolor	Faber-Castell Polychromos
Open stock (AVG)	N/A	\$1.30	\$1.75
Available colors	100 (5 sets of 24)	150	120
Cost for set of 24	\$27 - \$34	\$15 - \$17	\$39
Base	Wax	Wax	Oil
Number of colors	24 (5) - color families	132	120
Lightfastness	Not available	Varies (I-V rating)	86%***, 13%** , 1%*
Softness scale	Harder	Soft - Softer	Softest
Local availability	Chain retailers	Chain retailers	Art stores
Blendability	Okay	Very Good	Best
Color vibrancy	Good	Excellent	Excellent
Saturation of pigment	Okay	Excellent	Excellent
Depletion rate	Slowest	Medium	Fastest