Tools for a Graphic Artist
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An iMac or any other variant of Apple's computer is recommended over Windows. Macs are better suited for graphic design because they are equipped with a high resolution display, professional software formatted specifically for Macs, and are really easy to use. You would use this to run design programs and to connect your drawing tablet to.
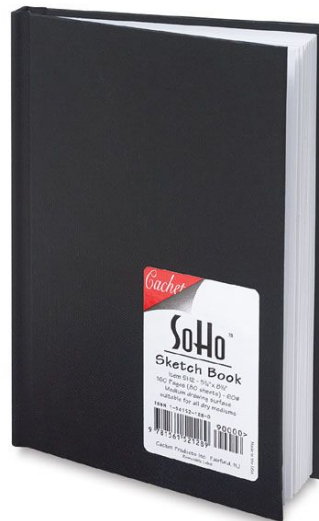

A drawing tablet is used to draw in the programs installed on your computer. The most well known and trusted brand would have to be Wacom. Each tablet comes with a pen that only can draw on the tablet's surface, and depending on the pen, it could come with an eraser and shortcut buttons. Each tablet connects to your computer either with a cable or wirelessly, and each of the shortcut buttons can be programmed to your liking with the computer.

A camera may be needed depending on the type of work you will do. A higher end camera is recommended to get the best quality shot to work with. Each picture is taken with a camera so it can then be uploaded to your computer and be edited in a program such as Photoshop. The edited photo can then be transferred to another program if more work is needed.

Adobe Creative Cloud or any other set of design programs is needed to complete your work. With these design programs you can edit photos that you take, apply text or hand drawn images onto your photos, create animations to go along with your work, or do anything else your client might suggest. These programs are installed on your computer, and in most cases you will create a cloud account to access your projects anywhere.

Of course, if you plan on creating art the traditional way, such as painting a picture or sketching a picture in a sketchbook, you can still do that. It is suggested that you still acquire the items listed above, because you may want to scan your artwork and import it to a computer for further editing or to upload it to a website.