

# **Supply List**

## Beginning and Intermediate Watercolor

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Basic watercolor techniques and brush skills for artists beginning in watercolor painting as well as those students who have had a beginning class and want to move forward with intermediate projects. Create clear washes, glazes and beautiful, confident strokes. You will get help with color mixing, composition, and tips and tricks. There will be an ongoing discussion on supplies. Get the basics down and then you will be ready to move on to more advanced classes. You can begin a journey with watercolor that will give you pleasure for a lifetime.

#### **Paint**

- Please buy watercolor in tubes, not pans. You can find sets of tube watercolor or buy the colors separately.
- If you are a beginner, Van Gogh and Grumbacher are reliable brands that will not disappoint you. Both of these brands come in set and are sold separately. A suggestion would be to buy a set with a 40% coupon and then add additional colors that you like to that set. For example, the sets usually don't come with sap green, but you will definitely want that color.
- Note: Those big sets of off brand watercolors are sold very cheaply are not very good. You
  would want to change very soon if you buy them, so it's probably better to get one of the brands
  above.
- A basic color palette consists of:
  - A warm and a cool red (such as Cadmium Red medium and Alizarin Crimson)
  - A warm and a cool blue (such as Cerulean Blue and Ultramarine Blue)
  - A warm and a cool yellow (such as Cadmium Yellow Medium and Lemon or Light yellow)
  - Viridian to mix with other colors to make a large variety of greens
  - Burnt Sienna
- Additional colors are:
  - Sap Green
  - Yellow Ochre
  - Dioxinine Violet
  - Indigo
  - And any other colors that strike your fancy
- If you are an intermediate student, just bring what you already have.

#### **Brushes**

- Good brushes are pricey but worth it.
- For this class, please buy 2 good brushes:
  - 1" Flat
  - # 8 or #10 Round
- You definitely get what you pay for with brushes so buy just these two and don't buy the cheapest ones you find.
- Also, watercolor brushes should have short handles not long.

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#### **Paper**

 140# Cold Press Watercolor Paper. Buy less expensive brands such as Strathmore to do lessons and exercises. Buy more expensive paper (100% cotton rag) when you are ready to paint actual pictures.

Strathmore and Fabriano Studio paper are great for class.

#### **Palette**

Please buy a palette with a lid or a clamshell-type one that closes and opens in half. You will be loading your palette for the first class and then keeping the colors fresh by closing the lid. There should be a place(s) to mix colors in the palette as well.

### **Additional Supplies**

- Viva Paper Towels
- A water bucket with at least 2 wells or 2 cottage cheese type containers.
- A drawing pencil; #4 or #6 are fine
- A kneaded eraser (usually a square of grey stuff that is wrapped)
- An old credit card or health care card that you can cut up
- A small spray bottle the best one is by Holbein
- A piece of plexiglas You can get this at Home Depot or Lowes. Get one that is about 1" larger than your paper so there is room to tape it down. Don't buy the real thick kind; just get the cheaper thin kind.
- Blue painter's tape Also found at Home Depot or Lowes
- You will find everything you need at one of the local Art Supply Stores such as Binders, Sam Flax, Utrecht, Hobby Lobby.