

Watercolor Basics: Materials List

The best way to learn watercolor is to start with the best supplies that you can afford. I will be giving you a list of what I think those materials are. If you have paints, brushes and other painting materials that you have previously purchased, feel free to bring them to class to supplement the basics that I will list below.

I do believe the paint brands that are listed as “professional” are best, and there is a wide price range. Some of these brands are Windsor Newton, Daniel Smith, DaVinci, and Lucas and many others. Buy the best ones that you can afford, but you can bring in what you already own, as well as the colors listed below.

An absolutely necessity for this class is Arches watercolor paper 140lb. rough or cold press. It is available in pads, or bound pads, or in sheets. If you have other paper, bring it for testing colors and brush exercises.

If you have questions about the supplies, please feel free to email me at joancroce@gmail.com

Paint

These should be .17 Fl. oz. or larger. Watercolor paints sometimes have different names for the same color, so I will also give you the pigment’s color index number that is on the side of the tube. I may also list other names that the color goes by.

Winsor yellow or Hansa yellow PY154
New gamboge PY153
Permanent rose or quinacridone rose PV19
Cobalt blue PB 28
Ultramarine blue PB 29
Phthalo blue or Winsor blue PB15:3
Raw sienna PY42 or PR101
Burnt sienna PBr7 or PR101

Brushes

These can all be synthetic
1” flat
1/2” flat
#12 (or #14) round
#4 (or #6) round
Rigger brush, either #2, #3, or #4

Paper

Arches 140 lb. rough or cold-pressed in a 9x12 or 10x 14 pad... it does not **have** to be a bound pad. This paper is also available in sheets that can be cut smaller, I would get 2 sheets.

Sketch pad or loose sketch/copy paper

Cheap watercolor paper(or old paintings with one clean side) for practice

Other equipment

Water container

Masking tape

Sturdy board to tape your paper to

Small spray bottle

Pencil

White plastic eraser

Palette with large mixing wells, such as a John Pike palette

Paper towels

Old credit card or palette knife