

## *Introduction to Watercolors*

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### **Materials List**

Buying art supplies can become VERY expensive. Due to this, we will be spending time during the first class to discuss materials and supplies available on the market, places to shop, and creative ways of fulfilling needs without breaking the bank.

For those of you that may wish to get ahead of the game, the following materials or their equivalent, will be the basic supplies required for a beginners kit.

Suggested Retailers:

Amazon.com

Hobby Lobby (40% off coupon for regularly priced items available online)

Walmart

The Mix on Maine St. in Brunswick (they offer 10% discount to students)

**Watercolor Paint:** Windsor and Newton

Colors:

Cadmium Red

Burnt Sienna

Sap Green

Alizarin Crimson

Sepia

Ultramarine Blue

Cadmium Yellow

Payne's Gray

Cobalt Blue

Gamboge

You may use a different brand if you wish! Ask store clerks to show you the student grade ('cheaper') watercolor paints, if you are a beginner.

**Brushes:**

For beginners, brushes come in two types - Round and Mop hair brushes.

*Round Brush sizes:* #2, #5 (small, generally for detail), #8, #10 (medium, good for washes & broader strokes)

*Large Mop Brush:* Please purchase a larger size brush (#3 or #4) for applying water to your paper and use for general washes. Don't be afraid to shop around for a good deal!

Please note: Look for brushes that are made of less expensive synthetic bristles or squirrel hair. As with the paint, let the clerk guide you if you choose to go to an art supply store.

**Paper:** 140lb Cold Press Paper recommended

Other Supplies:

- ❖ 1 inch or 1.5 inch masking tape or blue painter's tape (the blue painter's tape will hold better however, the color can be distracting while painting)
- ❖ Non-porous stiff backing for taping watercolor paper to (suggestions: gator board or art drawing board)
- ❖ A water jar (mason jar works just fine!)
- ❖ Pencil
- ❖ Eraser (the gray kneaded type works best)
- ❖ White plastic palette
- ❖ Hair Dryer (there will be two available by instructor for classroom use)
- ❖ Paper Towels

\* Please take some time to collect pictures you may wish to work from. These can be pictures you have taken, or something you've seen in a book or magazine. Students are encouraged to study the work of other artists however, if you choose to copy a painting, you must cite the original work.

*How do you carry all of this?*

Please use whatever fits your needs best! I tend to carry my supplies in a larger sized tool box. My paper is usually stored in an art portfolio briefcase.

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