

## WATERCOLOR II

### Recommended Materials List - Winter 2010

**Note:** Items in bold print are new items

- **Support**-This may be a ¼" painted Masonite board (they will cut these for you at Home Depot or Lowe's), painted plywood, or Plexiglas. There are also some very nice manufactured supports with a clip to hold paper available at art supply stores. It should be large enough to accommodate a 15" x 11" sheet of watercolor paper (18" x 12"). Large enough to tape or clip paper to the board.
- **Paints** - Recommended colors Burnt Sienna, Cadmium Red, Cadmium Orange, Cadmium yellow or Gamboge, Cerulean Blue, Cobalt Blue, Ultramarine Blue, Prussian Blue, Yellow Ochre, Skip's or Sap Green and Alizarin Crimson or Permanent Rose. In addition, a tube of White Gouache (sometimes called Designer Gouache – do not get acrylic gouache). Recommended source for paints is Cheap Joe's Art Supplies ([www.cheapjoes.com](http://www.cheapjoes.com)). His American Journey paints are a great value. Many students are disappointed in the quality of their paints. Do not purchase Cotman, Academy or other student grade paints.
- **Palette** -There are many palettes available for watercolors and most are not expensive. However, I recommend that you purchase a palette with a cover so you can transport your paints at the end of class without a mess. Also a palette with a center mixing area(s) is an important feature.
- **Brushes** – There are many places that carry artist brushes: My advice is to buy the most expensive brush you can afford. The quality of your brush will make a difference in how easily you paint. It is your most important tool. Look for a brush that holds its point or sharp edge. It is very important that you purchase watercolor brushes...not acrylic or oil (hard bristle) brushes (**however, one hard bristled brush is very useful for lifting**). Acrylic and oil brushes are too stiff for watercolor. You will need a minimum of the following:
  - 1-1/2" or 2" wash. If you are on a tight budget a Hake or hogs bristle house painting brush will do. If you are using a house painting brush it should be new so there is no residual paint from a previous house painting project in the brush.
  - No. 10 or 12 Round
  - No. 0 or 2 Round
  - 1" or 1-1/2" flat -1/2" flatAgain Cheap Joe's has a great line of cost effective brushes called Golden Fleece.
- **Paper** - Any 140# Cold Press (not rough) Paper preferably in a sheet form. Avoid paper in a spiral bound book or tablet. My preference is Fabriano Artistic Watercolor Paper sold in packages of 10 sheets 22" x 30" for around \$37. The paper will be broken down into ¼ or ½ size sheets.
- Water container (a shallow Tupperware type plastic container is perfect.)
- Paper towels or tissues
- Masking tape and/or large clips to hold your paper to the support.
- Spray water bottle. This is a necessity and should be a bottle that provides a fine mist rather than a steady stream.
- Pencils
- Kneaded Erasers – this type of eraser is important, as it does not contain oils that will resist the watercolor pigment.
- Old Credit Card cut in half
- Cellulose sponge
- Masking Fluid which can be purchased at through Cheap Joes or any local art supply store.

If you are uncertain about purchasing any item on this list please feel free to give me a call at 443-8801. We will be using paper about 15" x 11 for each exercise and may do one or two per class. You may also want some scrap paper for practice exercises. I would be glad to talk with you before you purchase. To shop locally, there is Spiller's in Lisbon Falls who gives a discount on art supplies to students. Their phone number is 1-800-227-1830. There is a wonderful art store in Portland called Artist and Crafter's Supply at the intersection of Forest Avenue and Deering Street. And there are also numerous online mail order suppliers, my favorite is Cheap Joe's [www.cheapjoes.com](http://www.cheapjoes.com), or 1-800-227-2788 (as I've mentioned). Cheap Joe's American Journey paints are a good value and they have a reasonable line of brushes (see above). Other online suppliers are Utrecht, Daniel Smith, ASW and Dick Blick. Just Google their names and you will find their websites.