

Watercolor Supply List

Hello! I'm thrilled to have you in class. I'm endlessly thankful for the knowledge I was gifted when making art in both high school and college, and I itch to be able to spread that wealth with anyone willing to learn. It's my goal to teach you all I can in the time we have together, and I encourage you to get as much as you can out of me and the activities as you can.

-Marissa Justiniano

Watercolor Block 140lb Hot Press Paper (no smaller than 10x14) – I recommend that for the most part you buy Blick or Arches brand. Blick is the cheapest option with the best quality of paper. “Cold Press” is different; if you pick it up, that's fine, but hot press is better for our purposes for reasons I will explain in person.

Two cups for water - Whether it's two short glass cups or metal ink cups you find at an art store, it works. Stay away from plastic, because they are prone to tip over.

Watercolor palette - Hobby Lobby has great watercolor palettes that have multiple water wells; try to get a palette that has more than four.

Round Brushes size 8 and 12 - The best and cheapest brush brands are Winsor and Newton Cotman. Blick, Hobby Lobby, and Michael's all carry them (blue handled brushes). At some point you may want different sizes or flat brushes, but this is the perfect starting point.

Winsor and Newton Paint (5 ml)

- One tube each: Red, Yellow, Blue (cadmium red, cadmium yellow, windsor blue)
- One tube Sepia (our substitute for black)

For the first three meetings, this is all the paint we will need, but in the future, you will have the option to buy three more colors based on a triad on the color wheel. For example: green, violet, orange (cobalt green deep, yellow ochre, quinacridone violet). This will all be based on taste, and I'll have my paints on site so you can test out colors.

HB or 2B pencil - Often beginners use regular yellow pencils (a 2B pencil), which is perfectly fine for this class.

Kneaded eraser

2-inch Artist or Draftsman tape - 1-inch is fine if you have trouble finding 2-inch tape.

Ruler - Preferably longer than 12 inches. If you'd like, you can bring a t-square (I will always have extra measuring tools on site).

Sketchbook (Any size, any number of pages, 140lb if possible) - Part of this class will be about teaching you the process of making a painting, and that means we learn how to do sketch studies before we put a single line on the watercolor paper.