Supply List for:
Beginning Watercolor and Watercolor 102
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The following supplies can be found: On Amazon, at Michaels (look for coupons!), at Blick Art Supplies in Dearborn, Royal Oak or Detroit, Blick.com, as well as other online merchants.

Supplies Watercolor paper -This can be bought by the sheet (get two if you buy this way) or in blocks or pads(size of pad shouldn’t be smaller than 9 X 12) . I like Arches or Fabriano, or even Blick’s own brand of premium paper, but they are expensive (once you use them, it’s hard to go back!). Canson, among others, are fine. Too cheap of a paper will be difficult to work with. If you want to try the more expensive paper, get some of the less expensive paper as well for exercises and practice.

Watercolor paints -They can be purchased in sets or individually. If purchasing individual tubes (they come in different size tubes, the smallest being 5 ml. This size is fine, unless you’re sure you want to go on in watercolor. Larger tubes are more economical), I prefer individually to get the colors I like. I like these brands: Daniel Smith, Windsor Newton or Blick’s Artist grade Watercolors (these are brands I’ve used and are high quality). There are less expensive brands, like Grumbacher Academy and Cotman which are also fine (they have less pigment and more “filler”).

Recommended colors: (if you don’t buy a set) feel free to pick others that catch your fancy!

Alizarin Crimson
Sap Green

Cadmium red
Hookers Green

Ultramarine
Cadmium Yellow light or pale

Cerulean Blue
Lemon yellow or Windsor lemon

Burnt Umber
Yellow Ochre

And if you want a nice pink, try Permanent Rose or Quinacridone Red or Rose

Brushes- Rounds (with a good point) size 6 OR 8 and size 10 OR 12 and a 3/4” – 1” flat wash brush

Water container (large yogurt container or small bucket)

White artist tape

Large palette (one with a lid is best)

Lightweight board to tape your paper to while painting (Search: hardwood panels, Masonite board, or grafix-incredible art board. Cardboard is not strong enough) a.pproximately 18x24

Drawing pencil HB or 2B and White eraser

Small spray bottle

Toothbrush and small sponge - optional