

Basics of Watercolor Supply List

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The following supplies can be found: On Amazon, at Michaels (look for coupons!), at Blick Art Supplies in Dearborn, 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. **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 a **set**, I recommend **WN Cotman Watercolor set** (12 tubes), **Marie's Watercolor Paint Set** (18 tubes) or **Grumbacher Academy Paint Set** (12 colors). Nice paints, very economical, but the problem with sets is we don't need the black or white. 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 recommend 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: feel free to pick others that catch your fancy!

Alizarin Crimson	Sap Green
Cadmium red	Hookers Green
Ultramarine	Cadmium Yellow
Cerulean Blue	Burnt Sienna

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) approximately 18x24

Drawing pencil HB or 2B and **White eraser**

Small spray bottle

Toothbrush and small sponge - optional