

Materials List for Beginning Watercolor

Paint:

These are suggestions.

More colors are fine and you can work with less as well.

Inexpensive tubes are best to get started with.

Alizarin Crimson or Rose Madder

Cadmium Yellow Medium

Cerulean or Ultramarine Blue.

Hookers Green or Viridian

Paynes Gray

Paper:

Watercolor pads or individual sheets cut to a size you like.

I recommend approx. 9x12 or 11x15" sheet size to begin.

Primarily use Arches 140 lb. Cold-Pressed watercolor paper

As you begin to paint you will likely explore a variety

of paper to find what works best for your needs.

Start with a good student grade paper and go from there

Brushes:

A small round brush approx. size 8 to 12 and a flat brush of about 1/2 to 3/4"

Smaller brushes and larger round and flat brushes will be useful as you continue to paint

Palette:

There are many plastic palettes available.

I use one designed by Frank Webb that I like very much.

An enamel butcher tray works great or a couple of old

ceramic plates with a hard finish will do fine. White or light color

is important for your palette. No dark plates.

Board:

To support your paper for painting:

use a sheet of plywood sanded and painted white that works fine.

Several pieces of cardboard taped together to make a stiff board will work

There are masonite type boards available at the art store that are very good as well.

Water Container:

Any glass or plastic container with a wide opening that holds a quart or so of water

Misc:

Paper towels, clips or masking tape for attaching individual sheets to board, pencil and eraser

I'm not very dogmatic about supplies. These are items I use frequently and they will be helpful

to you. If you have other watercolor supplies, bring what you have and that will work.

Keeping everything simple and inexpensive to start is a good strategy.