

BEGINNING WATERCOLOR

SUPPLY LIST

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You can buy supplies at Arizona Art Supply (**ask for student discount!**), Michael's or Hobby Lobby or order supplies online at Michaels.com, Dickblick.com, CheapJoes.com, Jerrysartarama.com, Amazon.com or Hobbylobby.com.

GENERAL SUPPLIES:

BRUSHES: (brushes are a personal choice but I am suggesting these below as basics):

Please **DO NOT BUY** Brushes that say for both Watercolor and Acrylics; *trust me*, they work way better for Acrylics than watercolor painting.

Brushes to start with (at a minimum):

#6 and #10 **round** Watercolor brushes: Suggested: Silver Black Velvet, Princeton long rounds, or as pictured below

1" flat brush

You can also buy watercolor brush sets from Amazon or similar places.

PAINTS:

Buy watercolor tube paint.

I suggest Turner (least expensive but still good), Daniel Smith, DaVinci or Winsor Newton tube paints (WN is the most expensive). You can get these from Amazon.com, dickblick.com, Cheapjoe's.com, or at Arizona Art Supply.

If you go to Arizona Art Supply (Oracle and Wetmore, behind the Wendy's on the west side of Oracle), **be sure to ask for the student discount.** Other local sources are Michael's and Hobby Lobby.

Try to get professional grade paints as you'll like the quality better. Please note: **a watercolor tube of paint lasts for years!** So, while a tube will seem expensive up front, over the long run, it isn't and the quality of the paint is way more exciting to use.

MAIN COLORS: (** denotes the minimum you should buy)

**Cobalt Blue

**Aureolin Yellow or Lemon Yellow

**Burnt Sienna

**Permanent Rose (aka Quinacridone Red)

Suggested: (but not required)

Viridian

Sap Green

Raw Sienna

Indigo

PAPER:

140# Arches Cold pressed watercolor pad: has a green cover and individual sheets, comes in 9x12 and 10x14 sizes. Buy the 9x14 pad. NO exceptions on the Brand of paper!! I buy these from Amazon.com (about \$20 for 12 sheet pad).

Watercolor palette with a lid or you can use two large white porcelain dinner plates

Viva Paper Towels (or any paper towel without a design stamped into the sheets)

A box of paper tissues (Kleenex)

2 (two) Water Containers (glass or plastic, can be a kid's bucket or cottage cheese containers, etc)

Kneaded gray eraser.

HB drawing pencil or a regular #2 pencil or a *mechanical pencil* (never needs sharpening)

Roll of beige masking tape. Make sure the tape is either white or tan, not a bright color.

Pliers: to open watercolor tubes

Backing Board: 11x14 size. Can be a piece of gator board (can be expensive), plexiglass (old, scratched piece), Masonite, a cheap cutting board with a smooth surface, or similar substance. Needs to be waterproof, have a smooth surface and sturdy enough that your masking tape will hold your paper flat. Needs to be something that won't buckle when wet.