

Materials list- Watercolor Explorations Session 2

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1. **PAPER:** 100% cotton watercolor paper (300lb is best) I prefer cold press or rough press paper. My personal favorite is Arches 300 lb rough press watercolor paper (very pricey). **For a more cost effective option, get a watercolor pad or block. Just make sure it is 100% cotton paper, preferably cold press, and the highest lb paper you can find** (I think most pads will be around 140lb). Arches and Canson watercolor pads or blocks are most common. 9"x12" paper size will work well for the class.

2. **PAINT:** Tube watercolor paints (please avoid getting the dry watercolor paints in the tins)
Necessary colors: Cadmium Red, Cadmium Yellow, Ultramarine Blue, and Lamp Black
Additional colors if you plan to continue watercolor painting: Burnt Sienna, Cerulean Blue, Hookers Green, Paynes Grey
Most paint brands should work fine as long as they are tube paints. I use Winsor and Newton, but Blick Brand and Holbein would also be good options.
Note: getting cadmium free paints are less toxic.

3. **PALETTE:** I prefer a porcelain enameled tray palette. Plastic palettes and even old ceramic plates would also work fine.

4. **BRUSHES:** A variety of Synthetic watercolor brushes (I would prioritize getting round brushes on the medium/larger size. Round sizes 6, 10, and 16 would be a good start) I use a variety of brands, Utrecht, Princeton, Winsor and Newton, etc..

5. **CUPS/CONTAINERS:** Any sort of cup or container to hold water, some people prefer to have 2 (a clean water and a dirty water specific cup) 1 will work just fine though.

6. **RAGS/PAPER TOWELS:** An old rag or some paper towels to dab water and paint out of your brush.

7. **TAPE: (optional*)** Some people like to tape down their paper to hold it in place or to get a clean edge once the painting is completed. Totally up to you if you want to bring tape. I've used blue painters tape in the past.

8. **SPRAY BOTTLE (optional)**

9. **PENCIL & KNEADED ERASER**

Links to general supplies below:

PAPER:

Arches Natural White Watercolor Paper |
BLICK Art Materials
dickblick.com



Arches Watercolor Blocks | BLICK Art
Materials
dickblick.com



Canson XL Watercolor Pads | BLICK Art
Materials
dickblick.com



PAINT:

Winsor & Newton Professional
Watercolor Tubes and Set | BLICK Art
Materials
dickblick.com



Blick Artists' Watercolor Tubes and Set |
BLICK Art Materials
dickblick.com



PALLETTE:

Richeson Butcher Tray Palettes | BLICK
Art Materials



dickblick.com

Blick Covered Palette | BLICK Art
Materials
dickblick.com



Folding Watercolor Palette | BLICK Art
Materials
dickblick.com



BRUSHES:

Utrecht Synthetic Sablette Brushes |
BLICK Art Materials
dickblick.com



Winsor & Newton Sceptre Gold II
Brushes | BLICK Art Materials
dickblick.com



All other materials can be found around the house.