

## Watercolor Painting

### Supplies:

These are suggested supplies for getting the best results.

Paper: 140 lb. cold press. 22"x30" sheets are the most economical-they can be divided into fourths or even eighths. A package of five is a better deal than purchasing single sheets. Good brands: Arches, Fabriano, Winsor & Newton and Waterford. The item most important to your success in painting is the paper. Spend \$5 or \$6 dollars per sheet-economize elsewhere.

Tube watercolor: Brands such as Winsor & Newton, Daniel Smith, Da Vinci, Holbein and Sellenier are expensive but rich and lightfast. Paints known as "student grade" are less expensive but weaker and fugitive. To economize, it would be better to buy a red, a yellow and a blue from a brand that is high quality and mix your own colors.

### Suggested colors:

Reds: Alizarin Crimson, Permanent Rose,

Yellows: New gamboge, Aureolin yellow

Blues: Cobalt Blue, French Ultramarine Blue, Phthalo Blue

Greens: not essential, Winsor Green or Phthalo Green, Sap Green

Earth Colors: not essential, Burnt Sienna, Raw Sienna or Yellow Ochre

Mixing Palette: There are many to choose from. I recommend one with a lid, at least 20 wells for paint and a large mixing area. It should be white. A white plastic plate is an alternative.

Brushes: Watercolor Rounds, synthetic or synthetic/natural hair blends. Good brands, not too costly: Daniel Smith (24-3), Da Vinci, Princeton, Black Velvet. Sizes: 6-14. Also, a 1/2" or 1" flat Aquerelle brush is useful.

### Miscellaneous:

Paper towels or a clean old washcloth

Water container, such as a 1 qt. yogurt container

2H pencil or mechanical pencil

Painting board for supporting the paper. Should be waterproof, usually called Gator Board

Masking tape

Sources: Seattle: Daniel Smith (and Bellevue), Artist and Craftsman Supply. Edmonds: ART spot. Unless you have a coupon, Aaron Brothers and other from/hobby stores have higher prices and few high quality art supplies. Online: Cheap Joe's Art Supplies, ASW Art Supply, Jerry's Artarma, Daniel Smith and Dick Blick. With mail order you can compare prices. Most orders take about 10 days to arrive.

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