

Welcome to Explore Watercolor.

Following is a list of supplies to help you get started. Buy the best that you can afford. **I have put a check mark next to the most essential supplies to have**. Others will be discussed in class. Keep in mind that

some of the best watercolor paintings were created with a minimal of supplies and the simplest of tools.

Basic Brushes: (Synthetic or blends) – may be purchased reasonably priced in sets.

√ 1-Watercolor round; #10 or #12

√ 1-flat wash brush; ½” or larger

√ #2, or #4, #7 sable or sable/synthetic-mix round watercolor brushes

√ 11”x15” pad 140# (needs stretching) or greater (300#- no stretching) COLD PRESS

watercolor paper. Strathmore is a good quality paper. Strathmore Aquarius II is a good quality student grade paper (80#) which requires no stretching.

• 1- small sketchbook

√ 1 or 2- #2 pencils

√ 1- Art Vinyl eraser

• 1- wood or masonite drawing board or plywood (Wood boards should be sealed/varnished)

Watercolor Paints:

For Beginners:

√ Semi-moist pan watercolors, 12 or more in a pan; These companies are all fine:

**\*Prang (This is a good inexpensive choice)**

Grumbacher

Reeves ( Some sets start as low as \$6.99)

Talons

Loew-Cornell

(For those who have had some experience with watercolors, you may wish to purchase a few tube watercolors. Some good choices would be Reeves Studio, Grumbacher, or Windsor & Newton Cotman. I often use both semi-moist and tube colors.)

Other Suggested Tools and Materials:

√ 2-large plastic containers (Cool Whip or quart milk jugs.)

√ 1-roll toilet paper

• 1-sponge

• 1-roll paper towel

• 1-mister bottle

• 1-old toothbrush

√ Masking tape

• For tube colors: a plastic palette or ice cube tray

Most of these supplies can be purchased at JoAnn Fabrics, Michaels, or Dick Blick Art Materials (Michigan Ave. east of Greenfield in Dearborn).

I'm looking forward to meeting you,  
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