

## **Watercolor Materials**

(Links are only suggestions. Dick Blick, Jerry's Artorama, and even Michaels will carry much of this.)

### **Watercolor Paints**

Any brand is ok, but I use [Winsor Newton](#). I suggest tubes of paint rather than pans or half pans.

Suggested colors:

- Cobalt Blue
- French Ultramarine Blue
- Antwerp blue or Prussian Blue
- Winsor Yellow or Cadmium Yellow
- Raw Sienna
- Brown Madder and/or Burnt Sienna
- Burnt Umber
- Pink Madder or Alizarin Crimson
- [White Gouache](#)\* (Nice to have for finishing touches, but isn't necessary right away.)
- Dioxazine Purple\*
- Cadmium Red\*
- Cobalt Turquoise\*

If you already have watercolors, you don't need to buy all new tubes. Just make sure you have a variety of warm and cool blues, yellows, and reds, as well as some neutral browns.

### **Watercolor Paper**

If you are going to splurge on anything, I think paper is the most important. Any brand is fine, but paper should be Cold Press or Rough, and 140lb or 300lb. (NOT Hot Press and NOT 90 lb.) I use [Arches rough 300 lb](#). which I buy in large sheets and rip to size, but it is very expensive. You can also [buy blocks](#) or [pads](#) of paper which is very convenient, 9"x12" or 10"x14" is recommended.

### **Watercolor Brushes**

Any brand is fine. Just make sure they are watercolor brushes. I recommend various sizes of round brushes. Also: a rigger\*, and wash\* or mop\* watercolor brush.

### **Watercolor Palette**

Any watercolor palette is fine. Here is [a travel palette](#), or a [full size option](#). You can even use a [plain white porcelain platter](#).

### **Other**

- [Sketchbook](#) ([watercolor paper](#) is nice, but not necessary)
- [Small spray bottle](#)
- Paper towels or tissues, and a container for water (I use an old yogurt container)
- [White Artist tape](#)\* (only necessary to tape paper to board if not using a block)
- Board\* (to tape loose paper, i.e. masonite, foam core, drawing board, thick cardboard)
- Kitchen sponge\*
- [Mr. Clean Magic Eraser](#)\*

\*optional