

Watercolor Materials

(Links are only suggestions. No need to buy all new supplies, bring what you have.)

Watercolor Paints

Any brand is ok, but I use [Winsor Newton](#). They make this less expensive [Cotman set](#) which is ok for beginners.

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 Light
- Raw Sienna (Winsor Newton brand only) or Yellow Ochre
- Brown Madder and/or Burnt Sienna
- Burnt Umber
- Rose Madder or Alizarin Crimson
- [White Gouache](#)* (Nice to have for finishing touches.)
- Dioxazine Purple
- Winsor Red or Cadmium Red
- Cobalt Turquoise
- Perylene Green

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 ok, but paper should be Cold Press or Rough, and 140 lb or 300 lb. (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](#) of paper, 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 might be nice. A good sample starter [set](#) from KingArt.

Watercolor Palette

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

Other

- Paper towels or tissues, and a container for water (I use an old yogurt container)
- [Small spray bottle](#)
- [Sketchbook](#)* ([watercolor paper](#) is nice, but not necessary)
- [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