

Materials for Plein Air Watercolor Painting

Palettes for Plein Air Painting:

Options: Amazon: Whiskey Painters Artist Half Pan, Travel Size, Bijou Watercolor Palette Handmade in Italy, Thumb Ring on back, Fits ALL brands half pans with Artist Refillable Travel Brush and a Clip-on double water container

Blick: Faber- Castell Clic and Go Water Pot cup or- an empty yogurt container

Mijello Fusion Airtight/Leak proof Palette 18 wells

Paper:

Pad of good quality watercolor paper (I use Arches watercolor paper) at least 8"x10"

Extra sheets of less expensive watercolor paper or watermedia paper for test scraps or collage

A sketchbook with paper that will take mixed media - at least 6"x 9"

A collection of Recycled materials, envelopes, the backs of letters, boxboard from cereal boxes

A board to either tape watercolor paper on or a Block of watercolor paper

Paint:

An eight or sixteen-pan student watercolor set made by Crayola or Reeves will work

Or : Pre-arranged tube set designed for students

Or : Winsor Newton travel set that doesn't have tubes but has small cakes of colors and folds up into a small case.

If you are ready to buy individual tubes of watercolor paint, the following colors will give you a good start :

I use Winsor Newton primarily:

Alizarin Crimson

Ultramarine Blue

Pthalo Blue

Cobalt Blue

Cerulean Blue

Cadmium Yellow Light

Hansa Yellow Deep

Cadmium Red or Quinacradone Coral

Quinacradone Burnt Sienna

Yellow Ochre

Brushes:

The brush that comes with the pan sets are small and cheap so it is good to invest in some good watercolor painting brushes. I use the brand: Silver Brush Black Velvet from Blick. Before a recent trip I purchased some travel brushes that fold up to protect the bristles from the Rosemary Brush Company.

Suggested sizes:

A ½" watercolor brush- flat

A #6 round

A #10 round

One of your round brushes should come to a narrow point for details like branches.

I also use a dagger brush especially for painting trees. This is not necessary for the class but I put it in the list as a useful tool.

A hat, sunscreen, a foldable stool, a water bottle