

Materials for Plein Air Watercolor Painting

Palettes

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 onto or a factory prepared 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 are **suggested**

I use Winsor Newton paints and some from Daniel Smith. If you have paints of another brand don't go out and buy all new paints! What you have will work.

Alizarin Crimson

Ultramarine Blue

Phthalo 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.

Some suggested brands: Silver Brush Black Velvet, Robert Simmons- from DickBlick.com

Before a recent trip I purchased some travel brushes that fold up to protect the bristles from the Rosemary Brush Company.

Suggested sizes:

A 1/2" 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 on the list as a useful option.

Pencils- I use Staedtler HB and B
Kneaded Eraser

A hat, sunscreen, foldable stool, a water bottle