

Traveling with Watercolors

Since this class is not for Beginners, it's likely you already have supplies. Bring what you have to the first class and we will go over your materials. If you are interested in adding to your supplies before class, here is a recommended list:

Palettes :

There are a number of good palettes available online, here are 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

Winsor & Newton Cotman Set of 14 half pans also available on Amazon

Mijello Fusion Airtight/Leak proof Palette 18 wells

Paper:

Pad of good quality watercolor paper 140 lb. (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"

There are many nice sketchbooks available now, landscape formats, squares, large and small- you can decide what will work best for you.

A board to either tape watercolor paper onto or a factory prepared block of watercolor paper both work well but it's very nice to have something firm to work on when you are out and about

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 just **suggestions**,

I use Winsor Newton paints and some from Daniel Smith. **If you have watercolor 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

Hansa Yellow Light

Cadmium Red or Quinacradone Coral

Quinacradone Burnt Sienna

Yellow Ochre or Raw Sienna

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 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.

Faber- Castell Clic and Go Water Pot cup or- an empty yogurt container, available at DickBlick.com

Paper towels

Pencils- I use Staedtler HB and B

Kneaded eraser

If you want to use pen

Pens- must be waterproof, some good brands are Staedtler or Micron

I love my refillable with a cartridge Platinum Carbon Pen which I ordered from Amazon. It does not come with waterproof ink so you need to order Platinum Brand Carbon ink cartridges.