

## **Materials Needed for Plein Air Watercolor Painting- Updated on March 11, 2025**

### **Travel Palettes:**

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

Mijello Fusion Airtight/Leak proof Palette 18 wells- this is a more inexpensive option

### **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 **suggestions**. If you have other color tubes already that you prefer please bring those. You can always add colors as you go.

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.

Suggested colors for your palette:

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

Hookers Green

### **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 such as 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.

Small Spray bottle

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

**Pencils-** I use Staedtler HB and B

Kneaded Eraser

A hat, sunscreen, foldable stool, a water bottle