Watercolor Basic Supplies

Start right with the best tools. You will paint better if you use professional quality materials as shown on the left.

A. 140lb Cold Press Watercolor Paper. A Fabriano 140lb Cold Press Block or Studio Watercolor Pad is great. Also recommend Arches or Caslon 140 lb Cold Press paper. Purchase paper by the sheet, in a pad, in a block or in a journal.

3. Professional Quality Watercolor Paints. Brands such as Daniel Smith, Winsor Newton and Holbein are at the top of my list. These are Daniel Smith Paints. You really only need 3 primary colors plus Neutral Tint to start—see all the colors you can make in the color wheel diagram—works like the ink colors in your printer.

1. Lemon Yellow (Y)
2. Phthaloid Blue Green Shade (B)
3. Quinacridone Rose (R)
4. Neutral Tint (NT)

Additional Colors:
5. Cadmium Red
6. Cadmium Orange Hue
6. New Gamboge
7. Raw Sienna
8. Burnt Sienna
9. Cobalt Blue
10. Sap Green or Green Apatite Genuine
11. Lavender

have many other colors in my Master Palette that you really do not need. As long as you have some basics you are fine. For a complete list visit my website—the supply list is under workshops link.

Other items we might use:
Mr. Clean Magic Eraser no soap version, paper towels, water bucket, Masquepen, Board, Clip and or Tape to attach paper to board when not using a block.
1/2" Flat Brush with Dagger

C. Covered Palette. A simple plastic palette with a lid is all you need to squeeze your tube paints into. Let fully dry.

D. Kneaded Eraser & .7 Mechanical Pencil. This gentle eraser will not bruise your paper or leave messy fibers.

E. Round Paint Brush. This is a Dynasty Black Gold 311 Quill Brush Size 4. My favorite all purpose watercolor brush. Visit www.TheBrushGuys.com and you’ll find it under Cindy Briggs Teacher Suggestions. It’s my absolute favorite brush! Only $13. A Watercolor Round size 8 is similar.

F. Aquarellable Pencil by Stabilo for quick value studies.

Faber Castel or Sharpie. In Black or Sienna for quick sketch paintings.

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