

WATERCOLOR : CONDENSED LIST OF SUPPLIES**PAPER**

Watercolor paper comes primarily in 2 weights. 140 lb (300 gsm) and 300 lb (640 gsm).

I prefer 300 lb. Other professionals work on 140 lb

SAUNDERS and ARCHES are the two mills I recommend to start with. Some may enjoy FABRIANO.

I prefer rough paper, others prefer cold press. Hot press is least often used.

Paper mills offer natural white and bright white. I prefer the newer, bright whites.

I do not recommend student grade paper, definitely not Strathmore. You will quickly become discouraged.

You can buy prestretched blocks or sheets that you tear down to 1/2, 1/4 or 1/8 sheets and clip or tape to foam core, corrugated plastic or gator board. Need white artist tape, masking tape or bull clips to do this.

BRUSHES

1 ROUND SIZE 8 or larger

The hairs of brush can be made from Kolinsky sable, red sable or synthetic

MOPS > Round Mop or Cat's Tongue Mop > would be the second brush to invest in. The hairs can be squirrel or synthetic.

As you progress see my full list of supply recommendations. ESCODA and DA VINCI are my preferred manufacturers of brushes.

Goat hair brushes are also good options.

PAINT

NO STUDENT GRADE PAINTS: GRAHAM, SENNELIER, DANIEL SMITH, WINSOR & NEWTON > ALL PROFESSIONAL GRADE

You can select individual colors or a set of preselected colors:

See my full supply list for options for cheaper selection of paints for starting.

Colors should include similar to these:

Ultramarine Blue, Cobalt Blue, Viridian (can substitute the pthalocyanines), Reds > either cadmiums or synthetic alternatives,

Yellows > either cadmiums or synthetic alternatives, Quinacrodone Violet, Permanent Rose or Helios Purple or similar, Raw Sienna,

Burnt Sienna or Burnt Umber.

PALETTE, ETC

Yogurt container lids, white plastic plates, egg cartons all can be used as mixing palettes.

My favorite large white plastic palette is TOM JONES. It is very white, large wells and easy to clean.

Robert E. Wood & John Pike are classic palettes. Folding plastic and metal palettes are good.

You can find plastic folding palettes for very cheap.

WATER CONTAINER > you need 2, one to keep clean water

PAPER TOWELS, SPONGES OR RAGS

SKETCH PAD and PENCILS HB and or 2B

EASEL

richeson-italian-steel-tripod-easel or enpleinairpro

MAIL ORDER: Dick Blick (also in Sugarhouse but limited selection), ARCH in San Francisco, Jerry's Artarama, Cheap Joes