

## **Beginning Watercolor Class Materials List**

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### **WATERCOLORS:**

**Tube colors, professional grade-**

The five most important colors to start with are:

**New Gamboge Yellow (or Azo Yellow or Indian Yellow),**

**Alizarin Crimson or (Anthraquinone Red or Pyrrol Crimson or Quinacridone Red),**

**Ultramarine Blue**

**Viridian Green (or Perylene Green)**

**Burnt Sienna**

You can do a lot with just these five.

I recommend looking at **Dick Blick online**. They have two sets that are good to start: **M. Graham basic set of 5 colors or the Daniel Smith Essentials set to which you would add a Burnt Sienna and Viridian or Perylene Green.**

If you want more colors add: **Quinacridone Gold, Cobalt Turquoise (or Cerulean Blue hue), Phthalocyanine Green, or Sepia**

### **BRUSHES:**

**Synthetic #8 Round, and an oval mop or wash brush** (these are fine to get started- you can add on later). I recommend Dick Blick Masterstroke Golden Taklon Brush Round size 8 and Blick Synthetic Squirrel Oval Mop  $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

Additional brushes if you want to add: a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " flat brush, #6, #10 or #12 round brushes

### **PAPER:**

Expensive paper yields better results but can be wasteful for beginning exercises so I suggest starting out with a **Student grade Watercolor Block 9"x12"**. **Dick Blick has reasonable ones from Canson or Strathmore.**

If you want to add an upgraded paper go with Lanaquerelle or Fabriano Artístico Extra White 140 lb. cold pressed Watercolor block, 9"x12". (Arches is also fine, but it doesn't "lift" off color as easily).

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

Large plastic Palette, one with cover is best (helps to transport it)-(I like the John Pike palette or the Home palette is fine)

Large jar or cup for water

Small Sketchpad, Drawing pencils, eraser and sharpener

Paper towels, Clean sponge

**Feel free to email me with questions about these supplies or to substitute what you have.**