

## Drawn to Nature

# MATERIALS LIST & NOTES

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This list includes the supplies we will use during this class. If you have variations, please feel free to use what you have.



- Pencils- F, HB, B, or 2B
- Kneaded eraser or white vinyl eraser
- Black pen with waterproof ink- **Pigma Micron** or **Staedtler** pigment liners are both good. The ink is archival quality, waterproof, and the pens come in various sizes:
  - 01 or 02 make a nice fine line
  - 005 is especially good for very fine detailed work
- Small set of watercolors- pans or tubes are fine.
- Drawing paper, 8x10" or 9x12" recommended
- Watercolor sketchbook or watercolor paper- 140lb, cold or hot press. There are many brands of varying quality, e.g., Fluid 100, Strathmore, Fabriano, Arches. I recommend choosing a paper that has a fairly smooth surface so that you can use pen and watercolor. For sketchbooks- There are many options for sizes and brands: **Stillman & Birn (Beta or Zeta)**, **Strathmore**, **Handbook**, **Moleskin**, and **Etchr** are a few good choices. IMPORTANT for watercolor painting: get a journal with 120-140lb (270-300gsm) watercolor paper. You will get more satisfying effects with 140lb paper.
- Watercolor brushes- round 2, 6, 8 (or 10)
- Small jar of water, paper towels
- Ruler

### A note about watercolors

- "Student" watercolors have working characteristics similar to professional watercolors, but with lower concentrations of pigment and less expensive formulas. These are a good, affordable choice for getting started and you can upgrade later if you want.
- Artist grade or professional quality watercolors- Popular brands include Windsor & Newton, Daniel Smith, QoR, M. Graham, and Holbein.

### Good starter palette:

- Ultramarine Blue
- Cobalt Blue
- Yellow Ochre
- Cadmium Yellow light or Hansa Yellow Light or Medium
- Permanent Alizarin crimson (or Quinacridone Pink or Quinacridone Magenta, which are also permanent colors)
- Cadmium Red or Transparent Pyrrol Orange
- Burnt Umber
- Burnt Sienna
- Permanent Sap Green