

# Suggested Materials List for “Watercolor Fun” Classes

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**Basic Tube Paints:** **blue, red, yellow, and brown** for a minimum. Use craft stores' coupons and start with small, individual **tubes**, rather than a “set” of inexpensive, pan colors that result in weak colors. A few tubes of quality paint will be well worth the investment. Windsor Newton and DaVinci are two quality brands. Cotman is okay and less \$.

I suggest: **Ultramarine Blue** and **Cobalt Blue, Aureolin Yellow** and **Yellow Ochre, Alizarin Crimson, Burnt Umber** and **Burnt Sienna**. Most colors can be mixed with the above.

Extras to add...maybe a green, violet, pink or turquoise. A white gouache can be useful. You do NOT need grey or black.

**Watercolor Paper** – by the sheet or in a block. Try some new kinds: **Cold Press, Hot Press, Rough** and/or **YUPO** (Plastic paper) 140lb.- lightweight, 300lb.- heavyweight & won't buckle. If using a sheet, you'll need a board and tape to fasten it down.

**Brushes:** Synthetics are good and aren't too expensive.

A few **pointed ROUNDS** - a **large** one for big washes (size 28 to 32 round, or size 5 to 10 quill mop), a **medium** one (size 8 to 10 pointed round), and a **small** one (size 2 to 4 pointed round). A few **FLATS** - a **large** one (1"+ flat), a **medium** (½" flat) and a **small** (size 6 flat) for details. (I love my size 4 Langnickel Royal Knight with its long pointed tip).

**Palette:** A white plastic watercolor tray with a lid (I use John Pike's 10.5"x15" cost under \$30), but anything with paint wells and a mixing area will work. A lid is a bonus.

**Pencil** - **HB** or **F** are harder than 2B and won't smudge as much.

**Kneaded Eraser** – Inexpensive.

**White Drafting Tape** – to hold single sheets in place on a board. It won't tear the paper.

**Board** - to mount the **sheet of paper** on. Can be foam core, Masonite, wood, acrylic, etc. Bigger than the paper for mounting with tape. If you're using a **block of paper you can skip the board**.

**Masking Fluid** – FINELINE brand masking fluid pen. (from craft or art store) Nice to have.

**Cup** to hold water, and **Paper Towels**.

Handy extras: Kleenex, sm.T-square ruler, spray bottle for water, fine-tip waterproof marker, pencil sharpener, X-acto knife, masking fluid, tracing paper, camera.

**Special effects:** Watercolor Pencils or crayons, Coarse salt, Kosher salt, alcohol, Saran Wrap, toothbrush, clear candle or white crayon, credit card, netting, bubble wrap, etc.

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