

Watercolor Materials

(Links are only suggestions. No need to buy all new supplies, bring what you have.)

Watercolor Paints

Any brand is ok, but I use [Winsor Newton](#). They make this less expensive [Cotman set](#) which is ok for beginners.

I suggest tubes of paint rather than pans or half pans.

Suggested colors:

- Cobalt Blue
- French Ultramarine Blue
- Antwerp blue or Prussian Blue
- Winsor Yellow or Cadmium Yellow Light
- Raw Sienna (Winsor Newton brand only) or Yellow Ochre
- Brown Madder and/or Burnt Sienna
- Burnt Umber
- Rose Madder or Alizarin Crimson
- [White Gouache](#)* (Nice to have for finishing touches.)
- Dioxazine Purple
- Winsor Red or Cadmium Red
- Cobalt Turquoise
- Perylene Green

If you already have watercolors, you don't need to buy all new tubes. Just make sure you have a variety of warm and cool blues, yellows, and reds, as well as some neutral browns.

Watercolor Paper

If you are going to splurge on anything, I think paper is the most important. Any brand is ok, but paper should be Cold Press or Rough, and 140 lb or 300 lb. (NOT Hot Press and NOT 90 lb.) I use [Arches rough 300 lb.](#) which I buy in large sheets and rip to size, but it is very expensive. You can also [buy blocks](#) of paper, 9"x12" or 10"x14" is recommended.

Watercolor Brushes

Any brand is fine. Just make sure they are watercolor brushes. I recommend various sizes of round brushes. Also: a rigger*, and wash* or mop* watercolor brush might be nice. A good sample starter [set](#) from KingArt.

Watercolor Palette

Any watercolor palette is ok. Here is [a travel palette](#), or a [full size option](#). You can even use a [plain white porcelain platter](#).

Other

- Paper towels or tissues, and a container for water (I use an old yogurt container)
- [Small spray bottle](#)
- [Sketchbook](#)* ([watercolor paper](#) is nice, but not necessary)
- [White Artist tape](#)* (only necessary to tape paper to board if not using a block)
- Board* (to tape loose paper, i.e. masonite, foam core, drawing board, thick cardboard)
- Kitchen sponge*
- [Mr. Clean Magic Eraser](#)*

*optional