



Watercolor Painting

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This is a suggested list of watercolor supplies to maximize your learning experience in one of our watercolor programs. Students can use whatever affordable watercolor paper or watercolors they have available. However, we recommend the supplies below to make your learning experience easier. All materials can be purchased at art stores such as Artist and Craftsman, Blick, or ordered online.

Watercolor Set:

We recommend a *Winsor and Newton* student grade dry set that contain many of these colors. Either of these sets would be suitable:

<https://www.dickblick.com/items/00337-1059/>

<https://www.dickblick.com/items/00325-1029/>

Suggested Colors:

Some students prefer to purchase their colors individually outside of a prepared set. This list of colors is what our teaching artists recommend.

- Lemon Yellow or Cadmium Yellow Light
- Cadmium Yellow Medium
- Cadmium Red Medium
- Alizarin Crimson
- Burnt Sienna
- Burnt Umber
- Ultramarine Blue
- Pthalo Blue or Intense Blue or Prussian Blue
- Cerulean Blue
- Viridian Hue
- Sap Green

Watercolor paper:

We recommend 100% cotton watercolor paper. Cold press. 9x12 or smaller. Any brand is suitable but we especially recommend products by Fabriano, Strathmore or Canson.

100% Cotton Water Color Pad

- <https://www.dickblick.com/items/fabriano-artistico-enhanced-watercolor-block-extra-white-cold-press-7-x-10/>

Non 100% cotton paper we like:

- <https://www.dickblick.com/products/canson-xl-watercolor-pads/>
- <https://www.dickblick.com/products/strathmore-400-series-watercolor-paper-pads/>
- <https://www.dickblick.com/items/fabriano-studio-watercolor-pad-9-x-12-200-gsm-cold-press-20-sheets/>

Watercolor paint brushes:

There are a multitude of different brushes that you can use for watercolor painting. A simple set of three brushes can be used to great effect: [Round, Size 4](#) , [Round, Size 12](#) , and a [Washer, Size ¾"](#)

Other Materials:

- A hard pencil: <https://www.dickblick.com/items/20438-2101/>
- Blue tape or Artist tape: <https://www.dickblick.com/products/scotch-painters-tape/>
- Kneaded eraser: <https://www.dickblick.com/products/prismacolor-eraser-multi-pack/>
- 2 containers for water: glass jars, plastic cups, yogurt containers (whatever you have)
- Spray bottle: <https://www.dickblick.com/items/02912-1003/>
- Paper Towels: we recommend bounty, but any paper towel roll will do.
- Hardboard panels or wood board that is bigger than your paper: This is not necessary, but you might like it for taping your paper down.
<https://www.dickblick.com/products/richeson-hardboard-flat-panels/?fromSearch=%2Fsearch%2F%3Fsearchword%3Dmdf%20board>
- Sharpie or Micron pen: Not necessary, but fun.
- Masking Fluid: Not Necessary, but fun.