

If you are experienced with painting in watercolor, feel free to bring the materials that you are already used to and like. **Just be sure to bring the basics listed below: paint, paper, brushes & supplies.**

### **watercolor supplies:**

good drawing pencils (2H, 6B)

pencil sharpener

Staedtler Mars plastic eraser or kneaded eraser

plastic water container

watercolor palette with lid

sponge

small spray bottle

paper towels

something to hold your paper (Foamcore, Gatorboard, or light drawing board) + tape or tacks

**watercolor paper:** in sheets, blocks or sketchbook - 140 lb cold press

professional quality: Arches or Fabriano

for beginners to practice: Strathmore 300 Series

for plein air: Canson Montvale

**watercolor brushes:** try synthetic or synthetic blend (sable can be very expensive)

- if you are a beginner, try round brushes (2, 4, 6, 8, 10)

you can also get:

- a large flat brush (3/4 or 1 inch) for background, wash
- some liner brushes for details (00, 1)

best: Kolinsky sable (Winsor Newton, Blick Master, DaVinci Harbin, etc)

other good brushes: Raphael, Princeton, many other brands online

how to choose: <https://createlet.com/best-watercolor-brushes>

<https://www.art-is-fun.com/paintbrushes-for-watercolors>

**watercolor paint:** use paints labeled “artist”, not “student”

best: Daniel Smith, Winsor Newton, Holbein, M. Graham, etc.

### **basic palette for beginners:**

*include a warm and a cool blue, a warm and a cool red, and a warm and a cool yellow*

- Warm Yellow: Cadmium Yellow Deep, Hansa Yellow Deep, New Gamboge
- Cool Yellow: Hansa Yellow Light, Cadmium Yellow Light
- Cool Red – Permanent Alizarin Crimson, Quinacridone Magenta
- Warm Red – Cadmium Red Light, Vermillion
- Warm Blue: Ultramarine Blue, Cobalt Blue
- Cool Blue: Phthalo Blue, Cerulean Blue
- Greens: Sap Green, Hookers Green, and Phthalo Green (for mixing)
- Earths: Sepia, Burnt Sienna, Yellow Ochre, Raw Umber, Burnt Umber

### **shop online for art supplies:**

Jerry's Artarama [www.jerrysartarama.com](http://www.jerrysartarama.com) 800-827-8478

Dick Blick Art Materials [www.dickblick.com](http://www.dickblick.com) 800 828-4548

Cheap Joe's [www.cheapjoes.com](http://www.cheapjoes.com) 800-227-2788

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