Beginner/Intermediate Watercolor Materials List

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If you already own supplies that you are happy with, you do not have to purchase new.

Paints:

Professional Tube Watercolor – any brand, but please make sure they are the professional grade

Alizarin Crimson
Cobalt Blue
Aureolin Yellow

(You are welcome to substitute a red, blue or yellow that you already own. You can also bring more colors, but you will learn about color mixing). Daniel Smith offers packages of primary colors online, one of those will also work.

Brushes:

1” (or larger) Flat
#14 (or larger – I use a #30) round with bristles that come to a point

Paper:

140# cold press watercolor paper, Strathmore 400 Series (pad with the brown cover) – better!

9” X 12” or 11” X 15”

Palette:

If are investing in a pallet I recommend one with a cover and at least one large mixing area. The bigger the better, you will spend about $20 on a good one. As an alternative, I also like to use the white lids from food contains (cottage cheese, sour cream, etc). I will have lids to share at the first class, and then you can decide if you want to buy a palette.

Misc:

notebook and pencil for taking notes
kneaded eraser
Two large cups/containers (16 ounce or larger) for rinsing
roll of paper towels
masking tape
black sharpie or other non water soluble marker
spray bottle for water (nice but not necessary)
board to tape your watercolor paper to: heavy cardboard, wood, corrugated plastic sign – the ones you see at election time are GREAT – please don’t steal one. 😊