
Watercolor paper	Best results are obtained from 100% rag paper. Please buy one sheet of Arches 140# cold press paper - 22" x 30" (you will get four sheets 11" x 15" from one 22" x 30" sheet) OR an Arches Watercolor Pad, 10" x 14" preferably or 9" x 12", 140# Cold Press. Arches Watercolor blocks are okay, but you need to wait for the sheet to dry before you take it off the block. Some other acceptable brands (140#, cold press, 100% rag) are: Fabriano, Winsor & Newton, Saunders, Kilimanjaro, Waterford, and Languarelle. NOTE: Strathmore 140# paper is not 100% rag paper and is not as responsive to watercolor as the other brands listed above.
Backing Board	Buy a board large enough to accommodate your paper size. An 18 x 24 is large enough for a 1/4 sheet and a 1/2 sheet. There is an Artboard that looks like plywood that you can use staples to stretch your paper, or a Magic Core board (not foam core), or a Gator board, which is lightweight and will take staples or tape.
Palette	With at least 10 or 12 recesses for pigments and with a large mixing area. A palette with a lid is helpful for transporting. you'll find Jones, John Pike, Robert E. Wood, etc.
Pigments	IMPORTANT: See "Specific Pigment Information" on next page
Brushes	Two flats: 1/4 or 1/2 and a 1 inch. Two rounds: a #4 or #6 and a #10. A small, soft (infant) toothbrush. Later, you'll want a large 2 inch wash brush and a rigger brush or liner brush.
Water Container(s)	NOT GLASS. A 2 or 3 cup plastic storage container is good.
Paper Towels, Sponges	Natural Sea sponges - an elephant ear size and a medium size.
Pencils	2B or HB
Eraser	Magic Rub or Pearl - not abrasive.
Sketch Book or Pad	A size that is easy to carry with you - 9 x 12 or so.
Graphite Paper	Not regular carbon paper. Use for tracing images onto your paper. Buy the light grey - NOT the dark black - it doesn't erase easily.
Small Misting Bottle	For wetting paper
Masking Fluid, A Pick Up	Winsor & Newton, Pebeo, Incredible White Mask, etc. Please wait for instructions on using masking fluid.
Elmers Glue, Detergent, Masking Tape, Art Tape.	Small, travel type bottle for detergent
Some type of Portfolio	For transporting and protecting your paper and artwork.
Textbook	I recommend the Walter Foster Watercolor Book (AL02) by Duane R. Light. About \$8.95 (Not Watercolor and Acrylic). It is a small 6 1/2 by 9 1/2 book, lots of information, exercises, examples.
Supplies available at:	Artel's (McHenry Village Shopping Center; Michael's and Aaron Brothers. Please try to have supplies for the first class.