

# WATERCOLOUR PAINTING FUNDAMENTALS

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This materials list consists of mandatory items, as well as optional items. Any additional materials that you already have in your artist's toolkit are always welcome. Suggested brand names are *'italicized'*. While all materials can be found at *Opus Art Supplies*, similar products and brands from other stores are welcome.

## WHAT WE PROVIDE

- Easels, glass palettes, side tables, chairs & stools, and containers for liquids.
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## IMAGES

- The instructor will provide a variety of high quality images for each project.
  - You are welcome to bring your own images if you wish.
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## DRAWING

- Bring a pencil (*between 2H and HB*), an eraser, and a sharpener.
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## SURFACE

- **Two** sheets of 'Arches' cold-pressed watercolour paper (*140 lb*): 22" x 30"
  - Please cut each sheet into four quarter-sheets (*11" x 15" each*), for a total of eight sheets.
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## GOUACHE PAINT

- Titanium White (*bring one tube*)
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## WATERCOLOUR PAINT

It is recommended to work with tubes of watercolour (*but 'pans' are welcome*). You can bring individual tubes, or bring a set (*10 or more colours*).

- 'Artist-grade' paints perform best: *Holbein, Winsor & Newton* and *Daniel Smith*.
- 'Student-grade' paints are more affordable, work fine, and are also welcome: *Cotman (Winsor & Newton), Opus Essentials*, and *Van Gogh*.

### James' Favorite Tubes:

- Winsor Lemon (*PY175*)
- Transparent Yellow (*PY150 Nickel Azo Yellow*)
- Transparent Orange (*DPP*)
- Permanent Rose (*PV19 Quinacridone*)
- Winsor Violet (*PV23 Dioxazine*)
- Winsor Blue Red Shade (*PB15 Phthalo Blue*)
- Winsor Green Yellow Shade (*PG36 Phthalo Green*)
- French Ultramarine (*PB29*)
- Cerulean Blue (*PB35*)
- Burnt Umber (*Pbr7*)
- Raw Sienna (*Pbr7*)

NOTE: Listed above are *Winsor & Newton* colours (*eg. Winsor Lemon*) and in brackets are the 'pigment colour index' and alternative names (*eg. Nickel Azo Yellow*) that you may find in other brands.

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## PALETTE

- Bring a white plastic watercolour palette with several large 'mixing wells'.
  - Optional: '*Masterson*' Aqua-Pro Watercolour Palette: [link to material](#) (*click to open*)
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## MASKING FLUID

- Bring one small bottle (*30 ml or larger*): '*Winsor & Newton*' or '*Daniel Smith*'.
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## BRUSHES

Please bring 3–5 different sizes and shapes of watercolour brushes. Suggested brands are 'Winsor & Newton', 'Opus Allegro', or any other watercolour brushes are good too. James recommends the following:

- Round 'Synthetic': Size 6 and 16 (*1 of each*)
  - Flat: (*1 or 2 inch*)
  - Rigger (*Liner Brush*): Small brush (#3 or #4)
  - 1–3 cheap brushes (*dollar store quality*) used for 'masking fluid'
  - An old toothbrush (*for splattering effects*)
  - Optional:
  - 1 medium sized bamboo Chinese brush
  - 1–2 old worn out acrylic or watercolour brushes for foliage and other textures
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## MASKING TAPE

- Any low-tack masking tape (*1-inch*)
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## OTHER ITEMS

- Small spray bottle for water: \*Opus link: [HERE](#) (*click to open*)
  - Cloth, sponge or paper towel to remove excess water from brushes.
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## SKETCHBOOK

- Optional: 8.5" x 11" (*or smaller*) for taking notes.
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## CLOTHING

- Painting can be messy, please bring suitable clothing.
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