

## Suggested Materials

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## Introduction to Watercolor Spring 2010

Feel free to bring any supplies you already have to class. You'll want to have at least the primary colors to get started. If you're buying new supplies here are some suggestions:

**Paint:** Winsor & Newton Artists' Watercolor paint in tubes. If you're on a budget, the Cotman brand is also OK. These are some good colors to start with:

- Winsor Yellow, or Cadmium Yellow Light
- Alizarin Crimson
- French Ultramarine Blue
- Burnt Sienna

Here are some other great colors when you're ready to expand:

- Raw Sienna
- Winsor Green or Phthalo Green
- Winsor Blue or Phthalo Blue
- Payne's Grey
- Sap Green

### Brushes:

- Size 12 pointed round synthetic brush: Winsor Newton "Sceptre Gold" or Cheap Joe's "Golden Fleece"
- One inch synthetic flat wash brush, also known as an Aquarelle brush (bristles cut straight across, not at an angle.) Cheap Joe's version is called a "Wet Momma".

**Palette:** Large white plastic watercolor palette with lid. Recommended styles are "Robert Wood" or Cheap Joe's "Original Watercolor Palette."

**Paper:** Good quality paper makes a *big* difference. Buy a few individual sheets, a pad, or a watercolor block. Suggested size: 10" x 14" or larger.

- Best: Arches 140 lb. cold press
- Less expensive but still quite good: Winsor Newton "Cotman" watercolor paper.
- Note -- avoid Strathmore paper (poor quality, hard to work with)

### Tools:

- Soft pencil (#2 or HB) and a sharpener
- Kneaded eraser or white vinyl eraser
- Two plastic water containers
- Plastic spray bottle
- Waterproof board for paper support
- Masking tape or clear packing tape
- Paper towels

Suggested sources for buying materials:

### Internet

- **Cheap Joe's Art Stuff** [www.cheapjoes.com](http://www.cheapjoes.com)
- **Jerry's Artarama** [www.jerrysartarama.com](http://www.jerrysartarama.com)
- **Dick Blick** [www.dickblick.com](http://www.dickblick.com)

### Local Stores

- **Aaron Brothers**, Antioch
- **Michael's**, Antioch
- **The Art Store**, Oakland on Broadway. Good prices and selection, excellent customer service. Ask about the student discount.