

Watercolor Supply List - Outdoor Classes

Easel: outdoor painting easel or easel box - OR you can hold your work on your lap while seated in a chair or on a blanket.

Watercolor paper: I recommend using Arches 140 lb cold press. You will cut or fold and tear a sheet into 4-8 smaller pieces and tape them with masking tape to a small piece of Plexiglas, foam board or Masonite no larger than 12x16 inches. We work small at first. If you use a block of Arches paper, you will NOT need a support for the paper. You would leave it in the block. Also if you use 300 lb paper you do not need a support for it.

Paints: The best are Winsor and Newton. Utrecht's brand works quite well too for a lower priced alternative. Utrecht is in Minneapolis across the street from the Basilica at 1601 Hennepin Ave. Colors: cadmium lemon, or aureolin, cadmium yellow (a medium shade), cadmium red deep, permanent rose, ultramarine blue (or cobalt), cerulean, possibly Antwerp, if you want a greenish-blue. Tradewinds on Smith Ave. in W. St. Paul has discounted prices and carries the Cirrus brushes (below).

Brushes: The best are Winsor and Newton series 7. I like a size 5, 6, or 7 for an all purpose brush. You also may want to get a size 8 or 10 too. If you want a less expensive alternative, a Utrecht brand sable or Winsor Newton Cirrus in a size 5, 6, or 7 and a larger one, size 8 or 10 will do. Also a flat angled edge (Silver Brush makes a great one) synthetic brush in a 3/8 or 1/2 inch. If you have others brushes bring them along.

Paint mixing tray: I like the small round one by Richeson. It has 10 wells, holds a large mixture of paint, and retails for around \$2.00 at Utrecht. I have 2 or 3 of them. Or you could get a small paint box which you add colors to, which has additional space for mixing.

Pencil: 1 size 2H works best. It's not too soft and you can see it on the paper.

Water containers: 2 margarine OR deli containers will work fine.

Misc: Paper towels, masking tape, chair, kneaded eraser, or pink pearl eraser, hat with brim, bug spray (if in summer), and a large container of water.

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