



Visual Art Institute

Spring 2024 – Beginning Watercolor

Wednesdays 2:20-4:30PM with Barbara Kidd

PAPER:

One pad of good “Student Grade” Watercolor Paper 9x12

Brands: Canson XL or Fabriano 1264

At least one sheet of Arches #140 cold press paper 22x30, cut/torn into quarter sheets Sketchbook: Watercolor or Multi-Media. Recommended, not required.

We will discuss the advantages of sketchbooks in class.

PAINTS:

If you are undecided about your commitment to watercolors, you may use: *Educational Crayola or Prang Watercolor Set. Do not purchase a different brand.* • If you would like to jump in and purchase higher quality paints, tubes made by Utrecht, Blick’s, Winsor & Newton, and Daniel Smith are recommended as they are professional paints. Winton and Van Gogh are acceptable but are considered student paints. Artist’s Loft paints are not acceptable.

• Some students have watercolors in “pans”. These are dried colors that are already pre-loaded in a palette. These are acceptable (if they are from a reliable brand) but you may need to supplement with some tube paints.

Suggested Colors (You will probably buy more later)

○ Lemon Yellow

○ Cad Yellow Light or Medium

Yellow Ochre

○ Cad Red Light

○ Alizarin Crimson

BRUSHES:

○ Ultramarine Blue ○ Prussian Blue

○ Hooker’s Green ○ Burnt Sienna

One medium (#8) and one large (#12 or 14) round brush. Optional: one small round #4. One 1- inch flat brush such as s Richeson Quiller 7010 flat

I prefer Escoda Perla Torey white synthetic rounds. These can be ordered online.

PALETTE:

Something to mix your paints on. These also have separate wells that paint can be squirted into and let them dry/harden.

I recommend Mijello Fusion airtight watercolor palette (18 wells) or John Pike 10.5 x 15” palette.

OTHER:

Pencils: #2B pencils are fine. #4H are good for detail work.

Kneaded Eraser

Paper Towels: VIVA or Blue Shop Towels are great, but any will work. Or cotton rags.

Masking Tape: 1” white or cream preferred to tape paper town.

Board: Something to tape your paper onto, larger than paper. No need to purchase an expensive drawing board. Plexiglass, MDF, Sintra (Google) or Gatorboard all work. Easel:

Something to give you a slant. We will discuss in class. Do not purchase a table easel

before class.
Tote Bag/Box