

Supply List for Watercolor 101 and Watercolor 102 with Debra Lachter

Brushes: Shopping for brushes can be overwhelming and very expensive. You don't have to spend a lot of money to get a decent watercolor brush. Synthetic brushes will do well. I suggest Rounds: #6, #10, #18 and one 3/4' Flat.

Paper: For practicing techniques and exercises, Strathmore 400 series, spiral bound pad, 140 pound cold press, When moving on to a painting, a good quality paper makes all the difference! I use Arches 140 pound, cold press paper. Paper comes in blocks, pads and full sheets. Michael's and JoAnn's carry Strathmore pads. Make sure you get the 400 series.

Paint: Watercolor paint comes in tubes and pans. I prefer tubes but a good pan set will do just fine. To begin with, you may want to buy student grade paint: Van Gogh or Winsor Newton Cotman are the best. Please avoid Michael's Artist Loft and Hobby Lobby's proprietary brands. Both are budget paints and will not allow you to get the beautiful transparency watercolor is known for. A quality student grade is a good option if you're just trying it out to see if you like watercolor. However, Professional grade paint is a better product and will yield better results.

Colors: (Van Gogh) Student Grade: Lemon Yellow, Azo Yellow, Ultramarine Blue, Prussian Blue, Quinacridone Rose and Permanent Red.

Professional Grade: Lemon Yellow, Aureolin or Azo Yellow, Alizarin Crimson, Scarlet Lake or Pyrrol Scarlet, Cobalt Blue and French Ultramarine Blue.

Optional colors (and some of my favorites are: Indigo Blue, Burnt Sienna, Opera Rose, Quinacridone Gold and Turquoise.

Additional Supplies: water container, paper towels, palette with a mixing area, spray bottle, kneaded eraser, artist tape or Construction grade masking tape (found at Lowes or Home Depot), #2 or mechanical pencil.

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