

**CUYAHOGA VALLEY ART CENTER**

**Class:** Essentials of Watercolor Painting

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**PAPER:            140# COLD PRESS (cp OR "not") WATERCOLOR PAPER**

- Buy 2-3 single (full) sheets (22"x30") that can be torn into quarter sheets OR;
- Buy a "block" of 140# cp watercolor paper (10"x14" OR 12"x16")

BRANDS TO LOOK FOR: Arches, Aquarius II, Winsor-Newton, Whatman, Fabriano Uno, Dick Blick or Richeson.

NOTE: Buy 100% cotton rag content paper. If you shop on Amazon there are some good Chinese brands of 100% cotton watercolor paper and blocks that are equally as good as the European papers.

**PAINT:            TUBES OF PAINT** available individually or in sets - check in stores or on Amazon

- Tubes of paint to look for if buying individually (**\*generally not sold in sets, needs purchased individually**)

- Lemon Yellow
- Cadmium Yellow Medium OR Hansa Yellow
- Pthalo Blue (red shade)
- Cobalt Blue OR Ultramarine Blue
- Cadmium Red Medium OR Pyrrol Red
- Alizarin Crimson OR Quinacridone Rose
- Dioxazine Violet
- Cerulean Blue OR Manganese Blue
- Cobalt Violet Light
- Cobalt Teal
- **Neutral Tint\***
- **White Gouache\***

BRANDS TO LOOK FOR: Daniel Smith, Grumbacher, Van Gogh, American Journey, Maimeri, Holbein, Cotman, Winsor-Newton, Stephen Quiller, M. Graham, Q'OR, )

NOTE: **If you already have paint - use whatever you have. If buying paint, buy the best you can afford.**

**BRUSHES:        WATERCOLOR BRUSHES**

- **REQUIRED:**
  - ¾" OR 1" Flat Nylon Watercolor Wash Brush
  - Script Liner Brush (#3, #4, #5, OR #6)
  - #10 OR #12 Round Watercolor Brush
- **OPTIONAL:**
  - ½" Flat Watercolor Wash Brush
  - Smaller Sized Round Watercolor Brush (ie. #4 OR #6)
  - #26 Goliath Round Brush (Useful For Larger Paintings)
  - 1 ½" OR 2" Flat Wash Brush (Useful If You Paint On Large Paper)
  - Squirrel Hair OR Synthetic Mop Brush – Medium Size

NOTE: Watercolor brushes vary in price depending on the content of the brush tip. Buy those sold for watercolor painting. They should be SOFT hair bristles. Nylon, like Golden taklon (synthetic) or sable/nylon blends are good. It is not necessary to purchase expensive squirrel or sable brushes for this class, although they are nice to have if you have them. Be sure you purchase brushes specifically made for WATERCOLOR painting. (Do not use long handled, stiff bristle oil or acrylic painting brushes!) Buy the best you can afford.

**OTHER MATERIALS:**

- A smooth board - i.e ¼" tempered Masonite or ¼" Plexiglas –approx. 16"x20" (You might want to tape your paper or clip it to the board before you begin painting.)
- Plastic paint palette box **with a lid** – Be sure it has at least 12 wells.

(I like Quiller palette, Frank Webb or small metal palettes with lids attached and empty full pans for paint - also Masterson or John Pike brands or some smaller types with tight fitting lids)

(If you are a beginner, please do not fill it until you come to class.)

A small spray bottle for water (the finer it mists the better)

Artist's tape or drafting (or masking) tape

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6" cellulose sponge (new or can be a clean, used one)

paper towels

#2 pencil and a kneaded eraser (white plastic erasers are also good, like "Magic Rub")

sketchbook

masking fluid – be sure it is fresh - store it upside-down. (Pebeo is my favorite. Incredible white mask & Winsor and Newton, a new Mr.Clean Magic Eraser sponge (generic brand is ok)

scissors

18" metal ruler

Black Sharpie fine or ultra fine point marker

12"x18" tracing paper tablet

Small or large round "Color Wheel" (made by the Color Wheel Company – available in art supply stores)

**also bring (optional)** – a tote bag to carry everything in to class

a camera (cell phone or other)

your own reference photos for weeks 2-8/ picture file- landscapes, seascapes, floral, still life, animals, people, etc.

Many of these supplies are available at local art supply stores, but you might consider ordering them from Amazon, Cheap Joe's art supply, Jerry's Art a Rama, or other online vendors. There is a good Dick Blick Store in University Heights in Cleveland..