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### Watercolor Painting MATERIALS LIST

Remember... when purchasing paint and paper, it's preferable to buy fewer items of the highest quality, than to have a 'lesson in frustration' with lower grade materials.

**Paper:** 140 lb. cold press , 22" x 30" sheets, which you may tear into 11" x 15" sheets. You may also choose to use a watercolor 'block' , of the same 140 lb. paper weight which eliminates the need to attach the paper to a board board. These come in sizes 9x12, 12 x 16, or 14 x 18. You may also try a hot press (smooth surface) 140 lb. paper. The brand I prefer and am familiar with is D'Arches, but you may purchase other brands.

**Paints:** Cadmium Yellow, Cadmium Yellow Light, Yellow Ochre, Cadmium Red Light, Brown Madder, Alizarin Crimson, Cerulean Blue, Ultramarine Blue, Prussian Blue, Cobalt Blue, Hookers Green, Viridian, Brown Madder, Burnt Sienna, Raw Sienna, Burnt Umber, Paynes Gray, Ivory Black, Chinese white (optional).

Available in 8 ml. or 14 ml. tubes. OR, you may start with a pre-sorted set of watercolors. A paint palette with a cover to keep paint moist in such as a 'Pikes' Palette.

**Brushes:** Sable or soft synthetic brushes for watercolor with a short handle. #2, #5, #7, #10, #12 Round; 1/2" or 3/4" flat and 1 1/2" flat; Fan brush.

**Additional Items:** 'Homosote' board (found at lumber yard , 4' x 8'sheets, and can be cut into four 22" x 30" sheets) to attach paper to with a stapler or staple gun (light duty staples), OR a drawing board to attach paper to with masking tape. Water spray bottle, razor blades, natural sponges, pencils, kneaded eraser, toothbrush (hard bristle), water containers, paper towels, tracing paper. Hair dryer, optional.

**Please note:** You do not need to purchase all on this list, it is only suggested. If you don't have something, we can share. Tube watercolors go a long way !To repeat, I suggest starting with a few quality paints, brushes and paper, get to know them, then expand, along with your watercolor painting experience.

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