

Introduction to Watercolors

Fridays, 9/20 – 10/18/2019

9:00 am – 10:45 pm

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Course Description

If you are new to watercolor, spend five weeks gaining experience and getting a feel for supplies and essential techniques. After participating in this introductory course, students are invited to continue in the Intermediate to Advanced class for the remainder of the semester.

Syllabus

Week 1	9/20	The Basics
Week 2	9/27	Value
Week 3	10/4	Color
Week 4	10/11	Edges
Week 5	10/18	Composition

(Syllabus is subject to change as the class progresses and student needs/desires are considered.)

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Materials List

Note: If you must cut costs in one area, please don't do so on paper. People who do not use good paper never end up with a good painting. Buying paper in 22" x 30" sheets and tearing it to the desired size is the best value.

- Paints:
 - Prang pan watercolor set with 16 colors is a very cost-effective way to get started (see photo below) **OR**
 - Covered palette and tube watercolors. I use:

Color	Cool	Warm	Neutral
Yellow	Lemon Yellow	New Gamboge	Aureolin Yellow
Red	Alizerin Crimson	Transparent Pyrrol Orange	
Blue	Cerulean Blue	French Ultramarine	Cobalt Blue
Brown	Raw Sienna	Burnt Sienna	Sepia
Green		Sap Green	Hooker Green
Gray	Payne's Gray		

- 140-lb cold-press paper, your choice of size, in a block or in sheets. DO NOT SKIMP ON PAPER QUALITY! Personally, I use Arches, but there are other good ones available.
- If you choose to use paper in sheets, you will need a board to support it. I use Gatorboard, a waterproof foam core board which is available at Dick Blick or from on-line sources, and is easily cut to the desired size. Other options are Masonite or Coroplast (corrugated plastic used to make signs). You can staple paper onto Gatorboard, but you will need binder clips to attach it to other surfaces.
- Watercolor brushes: No. 8 or 10 round, No. 4 round, No. 2 or No. 3 rigger (script liner), 1-inch flat, 2-inch wash brush
- 2 **plastic or metal** water containers which will hold at least 1 cup each; NO GLASS
- Spray bottle for water
- Paper towels or an old bath or hand towel
- #2 pencil
- Kneaded eraser
- Sketchbook, any size
- Masking tape
- Small color wheel



On-Line Sources:

[amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

[jerrysartarama.com](https://www.jerrysartarama.com)

[cheapjoes.com](https://www.cheapjoes.com)

[dickblick.com](https://www.dickblick.com)