

WATERCOLOR SKETCHBOOK SUPPLY LIST

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The philosophy of this class is to work quickly and smartly as to make many paintings without being encumbered with a lot of supplies and materials.

I have listed a suggested watercolor travel set below that will suit the beginner as well as professional. I am also listing a few other supplies that I think will be useful, and add to the enjoyment of working outdoors in the beauty of northern Michigan.

This is only a suggested list and is not required for those who wish to work larger or with more materials.

“Imagine traveling to an exotic and beautiful landscape, carrying everything you need with you for an afternoon of plein air painting. Watercolor pans are easier to manage outdoors, and these pan sets are designed to be compact and lightweight.”

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Travel Bag Set

Perfect for outdoor use and travel. The bag is made of sturdy, water-resistant nylon with zippered mesh interior pockets and a removable accessories holder, plus an adjustable waist strap. This set contains 14 half pan colors, brushes, a spiral watercolor pad, a water bottle and bucket, and more!

Winsor & Newton Cotman Watercolor Pan Sets

Item 00325-1000 Description: Travel Bag Set List \$130.00 Sale price \$64.94

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OPTIONAL: Below are items that can be added to a basic travel watercolor set

Watercolor paper and sketchbooks

Watercolor paper comes in a variety of weights or thickness and sizes.

- 10 in. x 7 in. watercolor sketchbook, 140 lb., 20 sheets or watercolor block

Paints and Brushes

Watercolor Brushes (hair: red sable, or sable/synthetic blend is superior to synthetic)

- #12 or #14 round brush
- #10 or #8 round brush
- #4 round brush
- 1in. or ¾ flat brush

Brushes vary in cost and quality. A good sable brush is a wonderful thing and very costly. I suggest beginning students choose medium price, medium quality brushes to begin and add to your materials as you get more experienced.

Tube Watercolors You will need the primary and secondary colors plus a couple of browns and black. (Generally, avoid colors listed as hue or tint and check for a lightfastness rating of ASTM I or II. That means that they will not fade very much and are considered permanent for watercolor painting.)

Watercolor Pans are convenient re-wettable paint colors

Water Containers

Palette A **white** plastic palette with a lid and raised bins for keeping the colors separate from the mixing area is the goal, such as the *John Pike Palette* or the *Masterson Aqua Pro Palette*. You can find trays and plates that suffice in stores like Target or Hobby Lobby as well as in art supply stores.

Rags, paper towel

Drawing Supplies

2B and HB graphite pencils,
kneaded erasers,
soft vinyl eraser (Factis ES 20 Extra Soft)
permanent ink pen
sketchbook

Transport

Large reusable bag with handles, backpack for carrying materials or cart with wheels.

Personal

- Water bottle for hydration
- Sunscreen
- Folding stool or chair with carrying bag