

# Watercolor Materials



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Results vary with the quality of materials. Invest in good quality materials.  
Here is my [Getting Started with Watercolor Materials](#) guide.

# Drawing

- Drawing pencil (2B or your preference)
- Kneaded eraser

# Paints

If you can afford buy artist quality paints as they give better results. Here is a list of artist & student grade paints.

Artist Quality- <https://www.amazon.com/Mijello-Mission-Gold-Water-Colors/dp/Bo09W6BMFA>

Student grade: <https://www.amazon.com/Watercolor-Paint-Set-Professional-MyArtscape/dp/Bo19VZWIBI/>

# Brushes

Use brushes that can hold lots of water yet can still maintain a fine tip. At minimum, get one brush of each type below.

- Round #6, #8 or #12 (Raphael, Silver black velvet 3000s are all good)
- Flat ½ or 1 inch ((Raphael, Silver black velvet)
- #0, #1 Rigger for details

**OR**

- Creative Inspirations Dura-Handle™ Brushes Short Handle Mixed Set of 4 <https://www.jerrysartarama.com/creative-inspirations-dura-handle-brush-sets>
- Mandalay Goat Hair Hake Brush 2" <https://www.jerrysartarama.com/mandalay-professional-goat-hair-hake-brushes>

# Palette

Buy palettes that have a large area to mix paint.

<https://www.amazon.com/Mifuner-Portable-Watercolor-Palette-Folding/dp/B082DX8816/>

# Paper

Use only good quality paper like Arches or Fabriano Artistic. I use 100% cotton rag paper like Arches (140 pound cold-pressed or rough). You can buy blocks that are convenient such as 9"x12" or 12"x16" blocks etc.

Artist grade paper: [https://smile.amazon.com/Arches-Watercolor-Block-Cold-Press/dp/B0007XDHGO/ref=sr\\_1\\_5?crid=36RBM09l4GS3l&dchild=1&keywords=arches+140+lb.+cold+pressed+paper&qid=1602279635&prefix=arches+140+lb%2Caps%2C170&sr=8-5](https://smile.amazon.com/Arches-Watercolor-Block-Cold-Press/dp/B0007XDHGO/ref=sr_1_5?crid=36RBM09l4GS3l&dchild=1&keywords=arches+140+lb.+cold+pressed+paper&qid=1602279635&prefix=arches+140+lb%2Caps%2C170&sr=8-5)

Student-grade paper: <https://www.amazon.com/Canson-Watercolor-Textured-Charcoal-100510941/dp/B004M59O4C>

# Boards to support the paper

If you are taping the paper on a board then use the below (not mandatory)

- Gatorboard (my fav)

<https://www.amazon.com/Graphix-Incredible-Light-Weight-Moisture-Inches/dp/B0016646FW/>

# Miscellaneous

- Paper towels
- Water containers
- Masking tape <https://www.amazon.com/AmazonBasics-Masking-Tape-Inch-Rolls/dp/B07QHSKGMH/>
- Masking fluid (<https://www.jerrysartarama.com/turner-artists-water-colour-masking-fluid>)

# Where to buy

My favorites are Jerrys and Dickblick. They always have huge discounts and great shipping.

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

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

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

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