



## Watercolor 101

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### Materials:

- Paper:
  - 100% cotton watercolor paper.
- A 9x12 pad or block is ideal (although I'll be using 11"x15" paper so people can see what's going on). Arches cold press 140lb is a lovely paper to use for learning. Other good brands are Fabriano Artístico, Winsor and Newton or Saunders Waterford. Good quality paper is a must and will make the painting experience so much more enjoyable.
  - Student paper for exercises. The cheaper the better. The Fabriano Studio 'fat' pad is a favorite of mine and it lasts for ages.
- Tube Paints:
  - Ultramarine blue
  - Phthalo blue or cobalt blue
  - Naphthol red or Windsor red or cadmium red
  - Quinacridone Rose or a pinkish red such as alizarin crimson
  - Yellow ochre
  - Lemon yellow (or a greenish yellow like Hansa yellow)
  - Burnt Sienna
  - Black (I use lamp black but any black will work)
- Optional Paints
  - Burnt umber
  - Cadmium orange
  - Cerulean blue
- Artist's quality paints are best (e.g. Da Vinci, M Graham, Winsor and Newton, Holbein, Daniel smith) but student colors (Lukas do a nice studio set of 12 tubes for ~\$30) can work well. I prefer tube paints as they're easier to mix but pans will do in a pinch.
- Brushes:
  - Sable brushes are lovely but expensive and I like Escoda Reserva. However, quality synthetics such as Princeton Aqua Elite or Escoda Versatil are a good substitute. A around 10 or 12 can do almost everything you need for this class.
- Other non-essential brushes are
  - A squirrel hair quill or mop (diameter around 1/2 inch) for washes and covering large areas.

- A small pointy brush for detail. I use an Escoda Perla size 10 round but a smaller round from other brands would work.
  - Palette. Nothing fancy needed here but your palette must have good spaces for mixing and spaces to squeeze out tube paints. A cheap plastic folding watercolor palette is perfect.
  - Misc
    - A mechanical pencil
    - A kneadable putty eraser
    - A small spray water bottle
    - Paper towels
    - Water receptacle.
    - Masking tape for taping paper to a board if you're not using blocks. Non-essential but I like to use it to leave a white border around my paintings.
- There may be other materials needed for individual classes which I will distribute by email prior to the class.