



# 327 - Watercolor from the Ground Up

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**PLEASE NOTE: RAG WATERCOLOR PAPER IS ESSENTIAL**

**If you already have paint and brushes, use what you have. This is my preferred list of materials.**

1. **ARCHES 100% RAG WATERCOLOR PAPER**, 140 LB., COLD PRESS. You may buy 3 full sheets (22" x 30") and tear them in quarters, or purchase a block, which is very convenient. Paper should say "rag" or "cotton", not just "acid-free". I like the 9" x 12" size: <https://www.dickblick.com/items/10020-1003/> or 11" x 14" size: <https://www.dickblick.com/items/10020-1004/>
2. **2 ROUND WATERCOLOR BRUSHES**: Round Kolinsky or sable are best, size 5 or 6. These are expensive, so a good synthetic brush will do—I recommend
  - Pointed round brush: <https://www.dickblick.com/items/09331-1006/>
  - Second round brush: <https://www.dickblick.com/items/09015-1006/>
  - Rigger: <https://www.dickblick.com/items/09331-9004/>
  - 1" flat synthetic brush: <https://www.dickblick.com/items/06439-1001/>
3. **ALUMINUM PALETTE OR PLATE** for mixing colors: <https://www.dickblick.com/items/03429-2706/>
4. **WATERCOLOR PAINTS**: Watercolor paints: pan form or tubes. My preference is tube watercolors, professional quality (Winsor & Newton, Holbein, etc.) The Dick Blick house brand are good student quality and well-priced. Small tubes (5 ml) are fine, they'll go far.

**My preferred color list:**

Sepia	Cadmium Yellow Light	French Ultramarine
Payne's Gray	Yellow Ochre	Alizarin Crimson
Burnt Umber	Chromium Oxide Green	Quinacridone Magenta)
Burnt Sienna	Sap Green	Cobalt Teal
Cadmium Red Medium	Prussian Blue	(Optional: Indigo)
Cadmium Orange	Cobalt Blue	(Optional: Phthalo Blue)

**PAINT STORAGE PALETTE:** To store the paints after you squeeze them out of the tube:  
<https://www.dickblick.com/products/mijello-fusion-airtightleakproof-palettes/> OR  
<http://www.dickblick.com/products/blick-folding-palette-box/>

5. BLACK MICRON PEN .03 OR .05 <https://www.dickblick.com/items/20702-2003/>
6. MASKING FLUID: <https://www.dickblick.com/items/00364-1045/>
7. A ROLL OF PAPER TOWELS
8. SKETCH PAPER PAD, any size 11" X 14" or up.
9. DRAWING PENCILS (2B) and kneaded eraser
10. SMALL MIST-SPRAY BOTTLE: to keep painting and palette wet;
11. 1 or 2 oz. FLIP-TOP WATER BOTTLE (#11 & #12 available at Container Store).
12. OPTIONAL: BRUSH CLEANER: Master's Brush Cleaner and Restorer. (bar soap ok too).