



THE ART CENTER  
HIGHLAND PARK

## Mastering Watercolor (366)

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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. **WATERCOLOR BRUSHES**: Round Kolinsky or sable are best, size 5 or 6. These are expensive, so a good synthetic brush will do—I recommend
  - o Pointed round brush: <https://www.dickblick.com/items/09331-1006/>
  - o Second round brush: <https://www.dickblick.com/items/09015-1006/>
  - o Rigger: <https://www.dickblick.com/items/09331-9004/>
  - o 1" flat synthetic brush: <https://www.dickblick.com/items/06439-1001/>
3. **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, Dick Blick brand), small tubes (5 ml).

### 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	(Optional: 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. **RUBBER CEMENT PICKUP**: <https://www.dickblick.com/products/crepe-rubber-cement-pickup/>
8. **A ROLL OF PAPER TOWELS; LARGE CUP OR JAR FOR WATER (~35 OZ.)**
9. **SKETCH PAPER PAD**, any size 11" X 14" or up.
10. **DRAWING PENCILS (2B) and kneaded eraser** <https://www.dickblick.com/items/blick-kneaded-eraser-medium/#>
11. **SMALL MIST-SPRAY BOTTLE**: to keep painting and palette wet;
12. **1 or 2 oz. FLIP-TOP WATER BOTTLE (#11 & #12 available at Container Store)**.
13. **OPTIONAL: BRUSH CLEANER**: Master's Brush Cleaner and Restorer. (bar soap ok too).