

Supply List **Exploring Watercolors**

Instructor: Stacie Rose

Watercolor paints: Please bring whatever watercolor paints you prefer to use in a variety of colors. I suggest bringing in at least two of each of the primary colors: red/pinks, yellows and blues. If you are buying paints, please purchase the best paint possible. Professional paints preferred.

Paintbrushes: Make sure to bring *watercolor* brushes. They are softer. Round brushes must come to a good point. Suggested sizes: 1" and ½" flats, 16, 12 and 8 rounds, or similar sizes.

Watercolor Paper: I recommend 140 lb cold pressed watercolor paper noted as 100% rag or cotton. Name brand professional papers are Fabriano Artístico, Arches, Canson Heritage Series, or Kilimanjaro among others. Suggested size sheets approx: 9" x 12" or 10" x 14". Please bring extra paper for each class.

Please note that inexpensive Canson and Strathmore booklets are not a 100% rag (cotton) watercolor paper. They are a wood pulp product. I strongly urge you to NOT use these products.

Palette: Plastic palette with wells for paint and large mixing area. A palette with a cover is always nice to have. Can also use foam or plastic plates to mix paint on. I like a folding palette from Hobby Lobby that seals.

Water Container: Plastic container to hold water around 24–30 oz.

Other Suggested Items:

- Plastic table covering
- Note pad and pencils
- Kneaded eraser or white MOO eraser
- Absorbent paper towel and tissue
- Spray bottle with water
- Graphite paper (gray) to transfer image, but not required
- Stiff surface to clip or tape w/c paper to such as foam core, plastic corrugated, plexiglass, etc.
- Large binder clips or masking tape to hold paper

Better brushes, paints and palettes are available on-line through sources such as Dick Blick, Cheap Joes, Jerry's Artarama, and Merri Artist. Lately it is difficult to find 100% rag or cotton watercolor paper locally. If you have questions about what to purchase or bring to class, please contact the instructor, Stacie Rose, at 989-239-4445 or email stacierose@sbcglobal.net.

See you in class!