

Beginning Watercolor Materials List

Each item includes links to inexpensive materials you can purchase if you are just starting out. Links are for Michaels and Walmart because those are the stores we have locally. If you would like higher quality materials I suggest checking <https://www.hyatts.com>.

Keep in mind that, generally speaking, higher quality materials will be more expensive.

1. **Watercolor Paper:** 140lb cold or hot press paper. I like using a block of paper. Blocks will have the sheets all glued together at the edges. If you use a single sheet of paper, make sure to use painters tape to tape down the edges.
<https://www.walmart.com/ip/Strathmore-Watercolor-Paper-Block-400-Series-13in-x-17in/28149786>
<https://www.michaels.com/strathmore-400-series-watercolor-paper-block/10278324.html>
2. **No. 2 pencil and eraser**
3. **Plastic Palette**
<https://www.michaels.com/reeves-large-rectangular-paint-palette/D044527S.html>
<https://www.walmart.com/ip/Accessories-Rectangular-Plastic-Palette-Color-Paint-Mixer-Acrylics-Vallejo/940872297>
4. **Basic set of watercolor paint.** You just need a few tubes or a small set to get started. Paint prices vary by brand. (usually the more expensive they are the higher the quality.) Here is a list of the colors I use most of the time:
 - a. Payne's Grey
 - b. Sepia
 - c. Magenta
 - d. Cadmium Red (or cad. red hue)
 - e. Naples Yellow (or naples yellow hue)
 - f. Cadmium Yellow (or any bright yellow)
 - g. Sap Green
 - h. Horizon Blue (sky blue)
 - i. Prussian Blue

Here is a list of additional colors I sometimes use:

- j. Brilliant Pink
- k. Bright Rose Red
- l. Indian Red

- m. Quinacridone Gold
- n. Emerald
- o. Cobalt Blue
- p. Buff Titanium

<https://www.walmart.com/ip/Reeves-Watercolor-Set-18-Colors/319831045>

<https://www.michaels.com/reeves-10ml-watercolour-paint-set-of-24/D044556S.html>

5. **Paint Brushes:**

- a. 1 inch flat
- b. No. 6 round
- c. No. 4 rigger
- d. No. 6 filbert
- e. Liner Brush (x2)

<https://www.walmart.com/ip/Winsor-Newton-Cotman-Watercolor-Brush-Designers-Round-Short-Handle-Size-1/43640271>

<https://www.michaels.com/royal-and-langnickel-synthetic-wash-variety-brush-set/10435315.html>