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Watercolor Painting – Absolute Beginners & Beginner/Intermediate

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Supply List Allison Maletz:

Drawing:

- 9x12" (ish) drawing pad of all-purpose paper (try to make sure there is as little texture as possible on the surface of the paper – Hot Press). Printer paper is also fine!
- Graphite Drawing pencils: a range of HB, 2B, 4B, 6B (for shading)
- Generals Charcoal pencil: Medium or Soft
- "Compressed" charcoal stick, soft
- Kneaded Eraser
- Regular White Eraser
- Pencil Sharpener

Watercolor:

- Hard Pencil or Mechanical Pencil (HB or 2H)
- Kneaded Eraser
- 9x12"-11x14" This is the best: Arches Watercolor PAD, 140 lb. Cold Pressed, 9" x 12" (the "block" is triple the price, don't buy that) (12 sheets). (\$15) Distant seconds are Legion Stonehenge Aqua Watercolor Block, white OR Fluid, 140 Cold Press, 9" X 12" [Watercolor Pad, 9" x 12" | Arches - Cheap Joe's Art Stuff \(cheapjoes.com\)](#)

OR:(I'm not thrilled about the following, but it's another option:)

<https://www.amazon.com/Yupo-Paper-L21-SQC140WH912-Painting-Drawing/dp/B01N4POY2T>

OR: [Amazon.com: Fluid Artist 140LB Watercolor Paper Block, 9x12, Cold Press, 15 Sheets](#)

- Tray/Palette - A metal travel palette with a lid and at least 12 wells for different colors. [Mijello Fusion Airtight/Leakproof Palettes | BLICK Art Materials \(dickblick.com\)](#)
- OR: [Amazon.com: Color Around Aluminum Watercolor Palette \(26 Well\(8.07"x3.35"x0.71"\)\)](#)
- A range of Watercolor Brush Sizes varying from round and flat: 0 round, 4 or 6 flat, 10 round, 20 Flat, for example (you will know them from oil brushes because the bristles on water-based brushes are very soft to the touch.) I recommend: Princeton Art and Brush Co. Princeton Series 9000 Brown Handled Brush, Set of 7 [Amazon.com: Princeton Art & Brush P9143 Real Value Brush Set, Synthetic Gold Taklon, Round 2 and 4, Liner 2/0, Shader 2 and 6](#)
- 1 water container, a plastic cup or coffee tin (anything out of the recycle bin will do.)
- Watercolor paint tubes. I would recommend buying a box of 8-15 small tubes of all the basic colors. ***At the very minimum you must have primary colors: Cadmium Red Deep, Cadmium Yellow, Ultramarine Blue, Lamp Black, and Burnt Umber. (No White, Naples Yellow, or "Flesh Tint") I recommend opening the tubes of paint in the store to make sure the colors look "primary" aka, that the red is really RED and not orangey

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red, etc.

- Colors I use (and you can add them to your palette in this order - This is not mandatory, mainly for those who are curious): Burnt Umber, Raw Sienna, Crimson, Deep Red, Alizarin, Opera, Vermilion, Deep Yellow, Light Yellow, Lemon Yellow, Yellow Ocher, Olive Green, Sap Green, Shadow Green, Viridian, Ultramarine Blue, Cobalt, Prussian Blue, Violet, Payne's Gray, Black.

- Right now, in the demos I'm using Sennelier and Holbein

- [Amazon.com: Sennelier Watercolor Metal Box 12 Tube Set](#)

OR: [Amazon.com: Holbein Artist's Watercolors Set of 12 5ml Tubes W401 : Arts, Crafts & Sewing](#)

- I love this brand, and recommend it to all my students: [Amazon.com: SHINHAN Professional Watercolor Paint 7.5ml Tubes 30 Color Set \[New Improved Version\]](#)

*Avoid: Reeves and Michaels Brand (Artist's Loft) Paints - They are very frustrating to work with and have no longevity.

- Kitchen Paper towels

- Masking Fluid (I have no brand allegiance.) [Golden QoR Watercolor Masking Fluid, 2 Ounce Bottle \(7001600-2\) White - - Amazon.com](#)

OPTIONAL:

- Water Resistant Sumi Ink (I have red top, but doesn't need to be that) [Yasutomo Liquid Sumi Ink | BLICK Art Materials \(dickblick.com\)](#)

- Clamp Light or desk lamp for additional light: [Amazon.com: Simple Deluxe Clamp Lamp Light with 8.5 Inch Aluminum Reflector up to 150 Watt E26 Socket \(no Bulb Included\) 6 Feet 18/2 SPT-2 Cord, Silver and White : Everything Else](#)

- Blow Dryer [Amazon.com : REVLON 1875W Lightweight + Compact Travel Hair Dryer, Black : Hair Dryers : Beauty & Personal Care](#)

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Supply List for Eva Nikolova:

Watercolor brushes

- Recommended variety of round and flat in range of sizes including a 1"-3/4 flat and Round #8

Paper

- Recommended Weight: 140lb
- Recommended brand: Arches

Palette (either white porcelain or plastic plate, an ice-cube tray will do in a pinch!)

Watercolor paint:

Essential colors:

- Ultramarine Blue
- Lemon or AZO Yellow
- Alizarin Crimson
- Phthalo Blue

Optional:

- Cerulean Blue
- Cadmium Yellow
- Cadmium red
- Phalo green
- Payne's grey
- Burnt sienna
- Yellow ochre
- Ultramarine Blue
- Raw Sienna
- Viridian Green
- Cadmium Red Light

Containers for water, 2 (anything from the recycling bin will do)

Supply list for Zach Seeger

- Porcelain or white plastic tray for palette
- Round brushes: #4-8 sable or synthetic sable
- 300lb paper Arches or Fluid 100
- 2h pencil
- kneaded eraser
- 2 plastic cups for water (old yogurt containers are great)
- Watercolor Paint (artist grade recommended)
 - Essential Colors from tubes:
 - Cobalt blue
 - Ultramarine blue
 - Alizarin Crimson

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- Cadmium Lemon
- Cadmium Red Light
- Viridian

Wennie Huang

Supply List:

Watercolor Paints: (Liquid in Tubes preferred)

RECOMMENDED COLORS (a few more colors than listed on the website - it's ok if you don't have all of the colors) - I use Van Gogh, Sennelier, Winsor Newton, and Cotman brands.

Essential Colors:

- alizarin crimson
- cadmium red light or vermilion
- burnt sienna
- cadmium yellow medium or hansa or azo yellow
- ultramarine blue
- cerulean blue

Highly Recommended Colors:

- permanent rose or opera rose

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- lemon yellow
- raw sienna
- viridian green
- cobalt blue
- payne's gray - optional

Brushes:

- #8 Sable watercolor round w/good tip
- #10 Sable watercolor round w/good tip
- ¾" - 1" watercolor flat - sable or synthetic

Buy what's in your budget, below are links for what I use:

- #6 or #8 Red Sable watercolor round w/good tip - I use Raphael's #8 Extra Pointed Round [Amazon.com : Kolinsky 8408 Sable XF Point Round 08 : Arts And Crafts Supplies Artists Painting Supplies Artists Paintbrushes Artists Pointed Round Paintbrushes : Arts, Crafts & Sewing](#)
- #10 or #12 Sable watercolor round w/good tip - I use Raphael's #10 Round [Amazon.com: Raphael Kolinsky Sable - Fine Point Round - Size 10](#)
- ¾" - 1" watercolor flat - sable or synthetic - I use Winsor Newton's one-stroke sable [Amazon.com: Winsor & Newton Professional Watercolor Sable Brush-One-Stroke 1", 1", Black : Arts, Crafts & Sewing](#)
- This is a more affordable round sable #8 (Winsor Newton one-stroke) [Amazon.com: Winsor & Newton Professional Watercolor Sable Brush-Round #8, 8](#)

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Watercolor Paper:

- 140 lb. Cold Press. Arches blocks - 9" x 12", 10" x 14", or 12" x 12", (Green Cover)
- Look for Arches watercolor paper block, 140 lb. /20 sheets - COLD PRESS, 9 x 12 inches or 10 x 13/14 inches (GREEN COVER) - any other paper is an inferior quality and paper is an extremely important component of a good watercolor (even more than paints): [Arches Watercolor Blocks | 140lb & 300lb Cold Press, Hot Press & Rough | Jerry's Artarama \(jerrysartarama.com\)](https://www.jerrysartarama.com/Arches-Watercolor-Blocks-140lb-300lb-Cold-Press-Hot-Press-Rough/)

Palette:

- White enamel metal palette (butcher's tray) for mixing liquid paints or the white mixing surface that comes with your paint kit NO plastic circular palettes and any palettes which are not white: <https://www.jerrysartarama.com/butchers-tray-palettes> (\$9.99)
 - White porcelain dish can be used in a pinch
 - NO plastic circular palettes or any palettes which are not white

Miscellaneous:

- Small spray bottle for misting palette
- Two clear glass or plastic containers for water
- #2 Pencil and eraser
- Small sketch pad, pencil and eraser to make thumbnail sketches
- Bounty or Viva Paper towels or Kleenex for blotting

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- 1/2" Thin Artists Tape