

## Watercolor Foundations Supply List

- Paint - A basic set of pan watercolors, 12-24 colors (not tubes)  
(ex. Gansai Tambi set of 12 or more or Angora Opaque set of 14 or more)
- Watercolor pencils, markers or crayons\*\* - a basic set of 12-24 colors
- Brushes (x2) - Round (size 10 or 12), Flat/Wash (size  $\frac{3}{4}$ " or 1")  
(ex. Princeton Select or Princeton Aqua Elite)
- Watercolor Journal\* or Watercolor Pad - *Cold press*, 140lb, ~8x10 or 9x12  
(ex. Bee Paper, Fluid, Fabriano, Strathmore Vision, Canson XL)
- Mixing tray or palette  
(ex. plastic or ceramic paint tray with 6-10 wells)
- Board\* - Rigid, smooth, non-absorbent board for taping paper down  
(ex. masonite, drawing board, or large cutting board)
- Jar/cup for water  
(ex. Faber-Castell Clic & Go collapsible cup)
- Light cotton rag - Cut up old white t-shirts or an old washcloth are perfect
- Tape\* - 1" wide  
(ex. art tape, washi tape, painters tape, masking tape)
- A few waterproof pens with different nib sizes  
(ex. Faber Castell - 6 Pitt Artist Pens Set)
- Pencil, eraser, ruler, scissors, glue stick

*\*If you are using a watercolor journal you do not need the board or 1" tape.*

*Instead Add: ~12 small binder clips (~1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ") and narrow washi or art tape (1/4"- 1/2")*

## **\*\*About Watercolor Pencils, Markers, and Crayons...**

*Each one has a different personality and each brand brings its own flavor.*

*Here's a brief overview with suggested brands. I'll also bring a variety of these tools to class that you're welcome to try out. They're all wonderful, whatever you choose!*

**Pencil** - More control than a crayon, can leave some texture behind once water is added. | **Suggested WC Pencil Brands** - Derwent, Faber-Castell

**Markers** - Less textural, bright and clear, doesn't change with variations in pressure so less of a physical/tactile experience to work with, looks the most like watercolor once water is added. |

**Suggested WC Marker Brands** - Faber-Castell (dual tip), Ecoline (refillable, markers match Ecoline's liquid watercolors)

**Crayon** - wonderful for gestural mark making, clear and bright, less control and precision, responds to changes in pressure, may leave texture behind after wetted. | **Suggested WC Crayon**

**Brand** - Neocolor Watersoluble (Neocolor also makes a non-water soluble crayon, so make sure you get the ones that say water soluble)

*In case you want a fourth option or you already have these, the **Derwent Inktense Blocks** are also great. These act and feel like a hard pastel, respond well to pressure changes, good for gestural marks, and are loaded with pigment (i.e. a little goes a long way). The colors tend to be less clear and bright than the Neocolor crayons.*