

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 (~1¼") and narrow washi or art tape (¼" - ½")

*****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.*