



Watercolour Course Materials List

Drawing board will be provided. You will definitely need to have watercolour paper, this comes in a variety of finishes and weights, rough(very textured), Cold pressed (quite textured), and Hot pressed (smoother finish). My preference is Cold Pressed 300gsm(mid weight) but its up to you. I would advise not to go for the cheapest options when choosing watercolour paper as it does make a difference when painting.

It does look a long list! But don't worry it's just to give you options, I have found of decent quality and a good price where I can, but this is just guide. As with most art equipment go for the best you can afford, but cheaper brands are fine for practising and experimenting.

Suppliers:

Cass Art (online) www.cassart.co.uk - good quality, known brands, can have good deals.

The Range (online and stores) www.therange.co.uk - has a fair amount of art equipment at good prices, tend to aim for the known brands though, larger stores are better.

Cotswold Art Supplies, Stow - on -the- Wold, www.cotswoldartsupplies.com independent well stocked art shop.

Jacksons Art (online) www.jacksonsart.com - good quality for the price, good range.

W.H. Smith - larger stores do a good range of art materials.

Essential:

Sketch book A4 (Cass Art Sketch Book A4 200gsm £5.85 approx)

Pencil - HB (for light sketching)

Rubber and ruler - any ordinary pencil rubber and ruler

Small Plastic Palette - for paint and mixing, watercolour is very economical, so can be left on the palettes and kept.

https://www.cassart.co.uk/loxley_plastic_circular_palette.htm?trackterm=plastic+palette

Watercolour paper - This come in a variety of finishes, I use Daler Rowney The Langton, 300gsm, this comes in a pad, has a textured finish and is heavy enough that it won't warp, so no need to stretch, unless you are using a lot of washes all over the paper. I would go for the A4 or A3 size. See link below, you can also get these in most art stores including The Range, Evesham or Cheltenham.

https://www.cassart.co.uk/painting/watercolour_paints/product_type_watercolour_paper/daler_rowney_langton_watercolour_pad_300gsm_12_sheets_not.htm

Brushes - You will need a small selection of round and flat fitch(square shape), again the quality and price varies greatly, but again I would advise against going too cheap, as cheaper brushes tend to loose their shape and bristles! Which can be frustrating. There are so many different types of brushes I have just gone for basics.

Brush sizes which I think are a good range to start :- Round brushes 0, 2, 4, 6, 8.
Flat fitch(square shape) - 3/8, 5/8.

I like Pro Arte, which are good at a reasonable price, Cass Art do a small pack which is good to begin with, and has all of the sizes above except 5/8, see link below:-

https://www.cassart.co.uk/painting/watercolour_paints/watercolour_brushes/pro_arte_prolene_series_101_106_watercolour_brush_cass_exclusive_set_of_6.htm

Brushes can also be bought singly, such as for a 5/8 or 3/4" larger Flat fitch (Cass Art) -

https://www.cassart.co.uk/painting/watercolour_paints/watercolour_brushes/daler_rowney_graduate_flat_wash_brush.htm

Paint - You will need a basic range of colours, depending on how you like to paint, you may need black and white for tone(which I do!). They come in tubes or in Pans(square blocks). Either are fine.

Basic colours:- Cadmium Red, Alizarin(red), Cadmium Yellow, Yellow Ochre, Burnt Sienna(red/brown), Burnt Umber(Dark brown), Cerulean Blue, Ultramarine, Bright or Sap Green, Viridian(green), Black, White.

Below are a couple of links to sets that have a good range of colours and are reasonable to begin with. As before price does affect quality, the pigment tends to be less strong in the cheaper sets, but fine to practice with. But as watercolour can be left on the pallet to dry, and then just add water to carry on painting, the more expensive might be more economical in the long run.

<https://www.therange.co.uk/arts-and-crafts/art-supplies/art-sets/watercolour-sets/reeves-water-colour-paint-set>

<https://www.artsupplies.co.uk/item-cotman-12-tube-painting-plus-set.htm>

<https://www.artesaver.co.uk/Catalogue/PAINT-PRINT/Paints/Watercolour-Paints/Small-Tube-Watercolour-Set-12-x-12ml-PTW12>

<https://www.artsupplies.co.uk/item-cotman-pocket-plus.htm>

Gouache (optional) - You might like to add in white gouache paint. It can be useful when painting skies, and is often used with watercolour.

Gouache is a heavier bodied, high pigment water based paint. It has the addition of chalk to the binder, so it is more opaque than watercolour and can cover to give a flat even finish, or can be watered down for washes. It can also be used neat to add highlights.

It comes in a variety of colours, and can be bought in sets. Link below is for single tubes, I would go for permanent white.

<https://www.jacksonsart.com/winsor-newton-designer-gouache>

Link to a set of basic set, a decent quality at a good price:

<https://www.artesaver.co.uk/Catalogue/PAINT-PRINT/Paints/Gouache/Starter-Gouache-Paint-Set-12-x-12ml-PTGO12>

