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2020-21 Watercolor Class Supply List

Following is a complete list of supplies needed for your upcoming class. I encourage you to bring the supplies and colors you are familiar with using.

IMPORTANT: Because our time is limited, please arrive with your contour drawing completed.

Watercolor Paper

140 lbs (I use 300 lbs) Arches or Fabriano, are all good ones. You may want to try both the hot press and the cold press to see which you prefer. I do suggest that you stay away from anything less than 140 lbs and papers that come out of a tablet.

Brushes

Brushes are an investment! Sable is considered the best quality for watercolor brushes; however, there are good synthetic and synthetic blends. I use a number Silver Black Velvet 6, 8 10 12, and 16 round. Other brushes that are not expensive are the Simple Simons.

Paint

I suggest you use professional grade paint. The student grade is less expensive, but the colors can vary too much from professional grade.

Colors I Use French Ultramarine Cobalt Blue Cerulean Blue Carmine or Rose Madder Genuine Cadmium Red Light Quinacridone Violet (optional color) Brilliant Orange or Cadmium Orange Cadmium Yellow (I've been experimenting with other yellows) or Azo and Winsor Yellow Deep	Raw Sienna and/or Yellow Ochre Raw Umber Burnt Sienna (Winsor Newton) Burnt Umber Serpentine Genuine Mineral Violet Other colors I like to have handy are manganese and colt violet light.
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Photographs

It is best to paint from your own photos. **Please do not work with photos from any publications!!** The lighting is too perfect and usually not directional-which is not interesting for a painting.

I like to use a photo of my own that I have converted to a black and white and I like to make it as large as the painting will be. This is somewhat a substitute for a value study. When your reference is as large as your painting it enables you to see the shapes much better.

Since our time is limited, please have your drawing on your paper ready to be painted!

Miscellaneous Supplies

- Watercolor palette—John Pike, or a small travel palette is good
- Large water container
- Board (one that push pins will stick into)
- Pushpins
- A rag or paper towels
- Spray Bottle