

BEGINNER WATERCOLOUR ARTIST SUPPLIES CHECKLIST

Watercolour - Paper

This list is based on the materials I use when I first started painting and I still use presently. As a beginner the best paper size to start practicing with is 9in x 12in. You can also divide a sheet in half to do small test pieces if you aren't comfortable with the 9x12in for the first time. These are your choices of paper. I have them all in different sizes. Arches is my favourite.

BRAND	SIZE	TYPE	COST	CHOICE
Strathmore	9in x 12in	Cold Press - 140lb	\$11.96	
Arches Pad	9in x 12in	Cold Pressed - 140lb	\$18.34	
Canson	7 x 10in	Mix Media - 98lb	\$6.97	

Watercolour - Paint Brushes

You don't really need more than 5-6 brushes of a certain size. You should have 1 rigger, 1 one inch flat, 1 two inch flat, 1 mop, 1 round size 10, and 1 round size 3, anything else are fun brushes e.g. the fan etc. You will get hooked on brushes and end up with a myriad of brands and sizes, I did. You can also just get all in 1 pack with a holder. As your painting improves and you get more confident then you can purchase the more expensive brushes like the squirrel hair, goat hair or Sable brushes.

"BETTER PAINTINGS AREN'T DUE TO BETTER BRUSHES, IT'S DUE TO YOUR TECHNIQUE".

BRAND	SIZE	TYPE	COST	CHOICE
Reeves Brushes	10pack	Synthetic	\$26.99	
CP Art Watercolour Brushes	15pieces	Nylon	\$14.95	
Kolinsky Sable Brushes	10pack	Sable	29.97	

Watercolour - Paint

As a beginner use inexpensive paint then move up to the pricier paint as you will by then understand the difference in the effect the brand has on your painting. These are the paints I enjoy using and still use now.

BRAND	SIZE	TYPE	COST	CHOICE
Holbein	12 5ml tubes	Watercolour	\$23.70	
Winsor & Newton Cotman	12 8ml tubes	Watercolour	\$21.99	
Reeves	24 10ml tubes	Watercolour	\$14.52	

Watercolour - Palettes/Buckets/Easels/Maskin Tape/ Rag/

Keep it simple, there are lots of accessory items you may be tempted to buy, **DON'T!** As I mentioned before, start painting first then you will know what you want to upgrade to. Don't over spend then feel badly because you're not painting as much as you should based on the amount of money you spent. Be creative. Instead of buying an artist bucket, use 2 jars or old containers. Use a ceramic plate or paper plate as your palette, then upgrade. Go cheaply first then upgrade.

BRAND	SIZE	TYPE	COST	CHOICE
Mijello Martin Airtight Palette	18wells	Plastic - 12x6ins	\$9.22	
Darrice 97789 Palette	20wells	Plastic - 13x10ins	\$9.37	
Sienna Plein Air Palette	16wells	Plastic - 8x10ins	\$24.66	
Any brand of Maskin Tape	¾ in	Any	\$9.99	
Rag/ old towel	Small/Medium	Cotton	\$6.00	
T-Sign Easel	66"	Aluminum Metal	\$19.99	
US Art Supply Tabletop Easel	14" high	Beachwood	\$9.96	

All these items you can order on Amazon or purchase at your Art or Arts & Craft Supply Store.