Recommended materials
If you're an experienced watercolor painter, you may already have materials suited to your personal way of working. If not, use these suggestions to get started at minimal cost. If you have questions about particular items, feel free to contact the instructor before making a purchase.

WATERCOLOR PAINTS
- Alizarin crimson
- Aureolin yellow
- Burnt sienna (required)
- Cobalt blue
- Permanent or opera rose
- Raw sienna
- Rose madder genuine
- Terre verte / earth green
- Thalo or Winsor blue
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- Transparent yellow
- Ultramarine blue (required)

Note about watercolor paints. "Artist grade" paint gives the brightest, most vivid and light fast images. Student or "academic" grade have less pigment and less resistance to fading. Winsor & Newton are a proven brand, although many brands work well. Paints made with a single pigment, unlike 'hues', mix more predictably and produce truer colors.

PAPER
140 lb or 300 lb Arches 100% rag cold press, 22x30. Two sheets.

BRUSHES (must be watercolor grade)

ROUND. Short handle. Good options include:
- Escoda Versatil Sintetico Round; Size 8 or 10.*
- da Vinci Series 5530 Cosmotop Mix B Watercolor Round Paintbrush, Size 8
- Winsor & Newton Sceptre Gold II Brush Round-Short Handle; Size 8
*Highly recommended

FLAT WASH, 3/4 or 1 inch. Good options include:
- Connoisseur Gold Taklon Mix Brush, 3/4- or 1-inch Flat*
- Escoda Versatil Sintetico Flat Wash Brush, 1-inch*
*Both are excellent

RIGGER or LINER, #2 or #4. Most small brushes will suffice.
Note about brushes. These are your most important tools for watercolor painting. A good brush with the ability to maintain a point, to snap back into position and to hold plenty of liquid will make painting enjoyable and your results more beautiful. The brushes listed here are midgrade; if you can afford only one, buy the best quality Round you can.

Tools
- Painting board: 12x16-inch corrugated plastic, plastic surface foamcore or Plexiglass
- Clips or masking tape (to hold paper on board)
- Palette or mixing tray. John Pike, Fusian, white butcher tray or Guerilla 5x7 are all good
- Plastic water bottle (no glass)
- Paper towels, roll
- #2H pencil
- Kneaded rubber eraser
- Sketchbook for pencil drawings
- Digital camera (optional)

Where to buy
Local art stores are your best source: they are knowledgeable and charge fair prices. Internet sources are a good second option. "Big box" craft and office supply stores are a distant third.
- Rochester Art Supply / Main Street, Rochester
- The Art Store of Rochester / Southtown Plaza, Henrietta
  - [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)
  - [www.cheapjoes.com](http://www.cheapjoes.com)
  - [www.dickblick.com](http://www.dickblick.com)