JOY OF WATERCOLOUR FOR BEGINNERS
MATERIALS LIST

Hi there, don't worry too much about having all the right paints and brushes because with time you develop your own preferences and can introduce more choices as you require them, but we need some basic items to start. Here's some suggestions….

- A soft **pencil** [b or 2b grade is ideal], a soft **rubber** , an ordinary 12" **ruler**
- **Watercolours**-either tubes or pans [little hard slabs of paint] are fine. Especially for a feeling of freedom when learning, student quality is ok.
  Buying a set of tubes or pans is always a good way to start as a beginner, but if buying separate tubes then the following is a basic list

  Paynes grey
  Cadmium yellow
  Cadmium red
  Alizarin crimson
  Prussian blue
  Ultramarine
  Raw sienna
  Burnt sienna
  Burnt umber
  Viridian green
  There are many other colours but most can be mixed from these.

- **Paper-** again there are many choices but to start a pad of 140lb/300gsm [denotes weight/thickness] that is cold pressed [or' NOT'] would be good. A lighter weight will also be adequate for the first few exercises and sessions, but doesn't hold such big washes and buckles more easily.
- **A board & ordinary masking tape.** A light weight board of thin ply or similar. Approximately A3 will be useful, or at least ½" bigger all around, than your paper.
- **Brushes.** The old adage of buy the best sable you can afford isn't necessary. There are lots of soft synthetic brushes that are excellent. In round brushes a size 5 and 12 will cover most needs [look for a good point,]bristles may be held firm with size, this washes out]. [All these are short handled, long handled, stiff brushes are for oils].
- **Water pot, kitchen roll, palette.** A large yogurt pot is ideal or art shops sell collapsible plastic pots. A white plate or tray is ideal or plastic palette from an art shop.
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Hobbycraft at Kingsteignton has a comprehensive range, Trago can be cheaper but a bit hit and miss.

I look forward to seeing you on the course to have fun with watercolour!
                                                            Liana.