

JOY OF WATERCOLOUR FOR BEGINNERS

MATERIALS LIST

From home: table cover, mask & overall, kitchen sponge, scissors

A soft **pencil** [b or 2b grade is ideal], a soft **rubber**, an ordinary 12" **ruler**

Watercolours- 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.

- either tubes or pans [little hard slabs of paint] *Especially for a feeling of freedom when learning, student quality is ok. Really cheap paints won't do what we want! Buying a set is always a good way to start as a beginner, but this is a comprehensive basic list:*

Cadmium yellow

Lemon yellow

Cadmium red

Alizarin crimson

Prussian blue

Ultramarine

Raw sienna

Burnt sienna

Burnt umber

Paynes grey

There are many other colours but most can be mixed from these. Nb white and black not needed.

Paper- again there are many choices but to start a pad of 140lb/300gsm [denotes weight/thickness] that is cold pressed [or 'NOT'] or rough. approx A3 size. [A lighter weight will also be adequate for the first few exercises but doesn't hold such big washes and buckles more easily]. Bring scrap paper too.

A board & ordinary masking tape. A light weight board of thin ply or similar.

Approximately A3 will be useful, at least $\frac{1}{2}$ " bigger all around, than your paper. Home Direct art corner [in TEIGNMOUTH] has ones with handles and clips.

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,] nb bristles may be held firm with size, this washes out [All these are short handled. Long handled, stiff brushes are for oils].

Water pots, kitchen roll, palette. 2 large yogurt pots are ideal or art shops sell collapsible plastic pots. A white plate or tray is ideal or plastic palette from an art shop. Space for big puddles is best.

Hobbycraft at Kingsteignton has a comprehensive range, **Trago** can be cheaper but a bit hit and miss. **Picture This** in Teignmouth has a small range. **The Works** in N. Abbot & Exeter is good. **The Range** is good. The internet will have everything too!