

Capturing the Light

Paint - This list is a good foundation of colors to start a pallet. If you already own watercolor paints and want to substitute with similar colors please feel free to remember that it is important to have both a warm and cool hue for each color group, for example, Lemon yellow and Yellow Ochre. I recommend purchasing tubes of paints as opposed to cakes.

Cobalt Blue	Viridian Green	UltraMarine Blue	Cadmium Red
Burnt Sienna	Sap Green	Lemon Yellow	Yellow Ochre
Neutral Tint			

A white plastic rectangular pallet with a cover is suitable. It is important that it is large enough to have plenty of mixing space and deep wells for to hold paint.

Brushes -

- Two round brushes with a nice point (something around like a 6 and a 10 or larger).
- One rigger brush for line and detail work
- One Mop brush - these brushes come in different shapes and sizes and good ones should keep a nice point. The key thing with this brush is that it must hold A LOT of water.

Paper -

- One inexpensive skill level pad of watercolor paper such as Canson XL Pads, as well as some quality paper more finished work.

I recommend buying your paper in one of two ways- The most cost-effective way is to purchase a single large sheet of watercolor paper, preferably 140lb. Arches cold press, and cut it down into multiple small pieces. A more convenient but more expensive way is to purchase a watercolor block. A block of paper has a stack of pre-stretched sheets of watercolor paper sealed down and ready to use. For this class a smaller size 6x 9 or 9 x 12 if you prefer to work a little bigger. Please be careful to purchase a quality paper if buying a block. There are some pretty disappointing ones out there! Arches 140lb cold press is always reliable and fantastic paper, however, if you are looking for something a little more affordable Canson Montval Watercolor Blocks work well.

Miscellaneous -

- Masking or painters tape
- support board (corrugated plastic board works great)
- pencil, kneaded eraser
- Sketchbook
- water container
- hairdryer
- kitchen sponge
- Paper towel
- Masking fluid and an inexpensive brush to use with it