

Watercolor Techniques Materials List -Anne P. Wert

(Links are only suggestions. These are the materials I use, but no need to buy all new supplies if you already have materials that you like.)

Watercolor Paints

Any brand is fine, but I use [Winsor Newton](#). I suggest tubes of paint rather than pans or half pans. If you already have watercolors, you don't need to buy all new tubes. Just make sure you have a variety of warm and cool blues, yellows, and reds, as well as some neutral browns.

These are the colors I use most often:

- Cobalt Blue
- French Ultramarine Blue
- Antwerp blue or Prussian Blue
- Winsor Yellow or Cadmium Yellow
- Raw Sienna
- Brown Madder and/or Burnt Sienna
- Burnt Umber
- Pink Madder or Alizarin Crimson
- Dioxazine Purple
- Cadmium Red
- Cobalt Turquoise
- [White Gouache](#) (Nice to have for finishing touches.)

Watercolor Paper

If you are going to splurge on anything, I think paper is the most important. Any brand is fine, I mostly use [Arches](#), and I prefer Cold Press or Rough, and 140lb or 300lb. I buy it in large sheets and rip to size. You can also [buy blocks](#) of paper which is very convenient. At least 9"x12" or 10"x14" is recommended.

Watercolor Brushes

Any brand is fine, just make sure they are watercolor brushes. I recommend various sizes of round brushes. Also: a rigger, and wash or mop brush are good to have.

Watercolor Palette

Any watercolor palette is fine. Here is [a travel palette](#), or a [full size option](#). You can even use a [plain white porcelain platter](#).

Other

- Images to paint from, preferably original photos
- [Sketchbook](#) ([watercolor paper](#) is nice, but not necessary), pencil and eraser
- [Small spray bottle](#)
- Paper towels or tissues, and a container for water (I use an old yogurt container)
- 1" [White Artist tape](#)* (only necessary to tape paper to board if not using a block)
- Board* (to tape loose paper, i.e. masonite, foam core, drawing board, thick cardboard)
- Kitchen sponge*
- [Mr. Clean Magic Eraser](#)*

*optional