**Introduction to Watercolor**

**Supply List**

I have put together a suggested supplies list. I broke up watercolors, synthetic watercolor brushes, and paper into two categories. The first is “Pro Grade” and the second is “Student Grade” which are less expensive, but definitely suitable for your first foray into watercolor. Of course the “Pro Grade” watercolors are more heavily pigmented so they are easier to use and go further. I also found some brush sets as sometimes it’s a little cheaper than buying them separately.

For both watercolor and brushes I chose brands that I prefer. There are other great watercolor brands out there like Daniel Smith, Sennelier, M. Graham, Schmincke, etc. I’ve always been a Winsor and Newton user as they are widely available. It’s totally up to you as long as you stick with the suggested color palettes. These would be: Lemon Yellow, Cadmium Yellow, Cadmium Red, Alizarin Crimson, Ultramarine Blue, Pthalo Blue (Winsor Blue), Permanent Sap Green, Yellow Ochre, Burnt Sienna, Burnt Umber, Raw Sienna, and Payne’s Gray. Palettes may vary some, but as long as your 80% there we should be good. Feel free to research and shop around to get what you’re comfortable with.

Also feel free to use or supplement with supplies you already have. Let me know if you have any questions (patrick@speckledhoundart.com).

Thanks,

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**Basic Watercolor Supplies**

**Artist’s Color Wheel**

<https://www.dickblick.com/items/artists-color-wheel-pocket-version-5-18/>

**HB Pencil**

<https://www.dickblick.com/items/blick-studio-drawing-pencil-hb/>

**Artgum Eraser**

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/prismacolor-artgum-erasers/>

**Painter’s Tape**

I like Frogtape.

<https://www.frogtape.com/products/multi-surface-painters-tape-green-141-in-x-60-yd?gad=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwxOymBhAFEiwAnodBLOJgtkp4dWJgAqCiP1fhuP-hF4qFT_XulQbteXFbj1o-czmdh8-CYhoC6XQQAvD_BwE>

**Paper Towels**

**Two Water Containers**

Plastic cups will do.

**Palette Knife**

Used to remove sheets from watercolor block.

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/blick-palette-knife/>

**Palette\***

Airtight and leakproof. If you are using tubes a palette is a must have.

<https://www.dickblick.com/items/mijello-fusion-airtight-leakproof-palette-5-blue-18-wells/>

**Pro Grade Watercolors**

Half Pans

For this set we are going to replace the included ivory black with burnt umber.

Watercolor Set - https://www.dickblick.com/items/winsor-newton-professional-watercolor-black-box-half-pan-set-of-12/

Burnt Umber - <https://www.dickblick.com/items/winsor-newton-professional-watercolor-burnt-umber-half-pan/>

Or

Tubes•

Watercolor Set - https://www.dickblick.com/items/winsor-newton-professional-watercolor-travel-tin-set-of-12-assorted-colors-tubes/

**Student Grade Watercolors**

Half Pans

For this set we are going to replace the included Lamp Black and Chinese White with Payne’s Gray and Yellow Ochre.

Watercolor Set - https://www.dickblick.com/items/winsor-newton-cotman-watercolor-set-blue-box-half-pan-set-of-12/

Payne’s Gray - https://www.dickblick.com/items/winsor-newton-cotman-watercolor-half-pan-paynes-gray/

Yellow Ochre - https://www.dickblick.com/items/winsor-newton-cotman-watercolor-half-pan-yellow-ochre/

Tubes•

For this set we are going to replace the included Ivory Black and Chinese White with Payne’s Gray and Yellow Ochre.

Watercolor Set - <https://www.dickblick.com/items/winsor-newton-cotman-set-of-12-tubes/>

Payne’s Gray - <https://www.dickblick.com/items/winsor-newton-cotman-watercolor-paynes-gray-21-ml-tube/>

Yellow Ochre - <https://www.dickblick.com/items/winsor-newton-cotman-watercolor-yellow-ochre-8-ml-tube/>

**Pro Grade/the Standard, Cold Press, 8”x10”, 140 lb. Watercolor Block**

[**https://www.dickblick.com/items/arches-watercolor-block-8-x-10-cold-press-20-sheets/**](https://www.dickblick.com/items/arches-watercolor-block-8-x-10-cold-press-20-sheets/)

**Pro Grade/Very Good, Cold Press, 7”x10”, 140 lb. Watercolor Block**

[**https://www.dickblick.com/items/legion-stonehenge-aqua-watercolor-block-cold-press-7-x-10-140-lb-15-sheets/**](https://www.dickblick.com/items/legion-stonehenge-aqua-watercolor-block-cold-press-7-x-10-140-lb-15-sheets/)

**Student Grade, Cold Press, 9”x12”, 140 lb. Watercolor Block**

[**https://www.dickblick.com/items/fluid-easy-block-watercolor-paper-block-9-x-12-15-sheets/**](https://www.dickblick.com/items/fluid-easy-block-watercolor-paper-block-9-x-12-15-sheets/)

**Brushes**

**Pro Grade Synthetic Watercolor Brushes - Princeton Aqua Elite**

Round, Size 6 - <https://www.dickblick.com/items/princeton-aqua-elite-series-4850-synthetic-brush-round-size-6-short-handle/>

Round, Size 10 - <https://www.dickblick.com/items/princeton-aqua-elite-series-4850-synthetic-brush-round-size-10-short-handle/>

Round, Size, 20 - <https://www.dickblick.com/items/princeton-aqua-elite-series-4850-synthetic-brush-round-size-20-short-handle/>

Or

Oval Wash, 3/4” - <https://www.dickblick.com/items/princeton-aqua-elite-series-4850-synthetic-brush-oval-wash-34-short-handle/>

Or

Brush Wash, 3/4” <https://www.dickblick.com/items/princeton-aqua-elite-series-4850-synthetic-brush-wash-size-34-short-handle/>

**Student Grade Synthetic Watercolor Brushes - Princeton Velvetouch**

Round, Size 6 - <https://www.dickblick.com/items/princeton-velvetouch-series-3950-synthetic-brush-round-size-6/>

Round, Size 10 - <https://www.dickblick.com/items/princeton-velvetouch-series-3950-synthetic-brush-round-size-10/>

Wash, 1” - <https://www.dickblick.com/items/princeton-velvetouch-series-3950-synthetic-brush-wash-size-1/>

**Watercolor Brush Sets**

You could just buy a set.

Princeton Velvetouch - <https://www.dickblick.com/items/princeton-velvetouch-series-3950-brushes-set-of-4/>

Princeton Neptune - <https://www.dickblick.com/items/princeton-neptune-synthetic-squirrel-brushes-set-of-4/>

Super thirsty brushes that hold a lot of water.

Princeton Aqua Elite - <https://www.dickblick.com/items/princeton-aqua-elite-series-4850-synthetic-brushes-set-of-4/>

\*If you are using tubes you will need a palette.