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fine art

Watercolor Resources

Watercolor Tube Paint

- Brand: Daniel Smith
- Favorite primary colors:
  - Prussian Blue
  - Cobalt Blue
  - Ultramarine Blue
  - Quinacridone Rose
  - Pyrrol Scarlet
  - Hansa Yellow Light
  - Hansa Yellow Medium
- Earth colors:
  - Raw Sienna Light
  - Burnt Sienna
  - Quinacridone Burnt Orange
- Convenience colors:
  - Viridian Green
  - Sap Green

Brushes

Brushes are a personal thing! This is what I have:

- Mop brushes – These hold a lot of water and are useful for large washes. The tip comes to a fine point as well so I can get nice calligraphic marks too!
- Large flat – Help cover large spaces
- Chinese calligraphy brushes (not exactly this set but similar) – I love these for super loose marks and textures.
- Traditional rounds – I love this brand for your basic rounds.

Paper

Always 100% cotton (300 gsm/140 lbs)! These are the brands I use most:

- Fabriano Artistico – Cold Press
- Baohong – Cold Press – A less expensive alternative to Fabriano and Arches!

You can buy both in the form of a "watercolor block" which has pages glued together to keep the paper from buckling (it still buckles a little if you use a lot of water!).

Sketchbooks

- For sketching: Any book with multimedia paper
- If you want fancy for watercolor and don't mind the weight: https://www.luchetti.co/
- And even more fancy: https://kovalshop.com/

For Backpacking / Travel

- Palette: Art Toolkit Demi Palette – I fill this with my primaries, burnt sienna and viridian green!
- Sketchbook: The ZigZag Book by Hahnemuhle
- Brush: https://arttoolkit.com/supplies/rosemary-r10-golden-synthetic-pointed-size-8/ (I'm not a fan of the water brush so it's worth the cost and small additional weight for me.)
- Collapsible water cup – I've also used a plastic sandwich bag in a pinch!
- 1 blue shop towel square – They are reusable after you let them dry!

Other Tools

- Easel: En Plein Air Pro
- Value Study Phone app: https://valuestudy.app/en/
    - This tool is great to help see the values of a complicated scene and your actual painting!

Watercolor artists I love:

- Bjorn Bernstrom - https://bjornbernstrom.com/
- Cindy Briggs - https://cindybriggs.com/
- Barbara Tapp - https://www.barbaratappartist.com/
- Carolyn Lord - https://www.carolynlord.com/
- Michael Holter- https://www.michaelholter.com/
- Qian Gao - https://www.gaopaintings.com/watercolors

Watercolor artists I learned from during Covid:

- https://www.youtube.com/@KarenRiceArt
- https://www.claireswanderings.com/
- https://www.youtube.com/@LoisDavidsonArt
- https://bjornbernstrom.com/page/21290/video-tutorials

Gouache artists I love:

- Mike Hernandez - https://mikehernandezart.com/
- Danny Folkman - https://www.dannyfolkman.com/
- Tiffanie Mang - https://www.tiffaniemang.com/studiogouache
- Alec Monson - https://alecmonsonart.com/