

Chastain Arts Center - Supply List

Watercolor / Marie Matthews

Paints

Please bring the watercolor paints you are accustomed to using. At a minimum you will need a yellow, a red, a blue, and a way to get a dark. If you are unsure of what to bring, I suggest the following minimum set of paints.

- Primary yellow (for example, cadmium yellow or Winsor yellow)
- Deep yellow (for example, New Gamboge or Indian yellow)
- Raw sienna or yellow ochre
- Burnt Sienna
- Cerulean Blue or cobalt blue
- Ultramarine blue
- Cadmium red light, cadmium red, or quinacridone red
- Rose or crimson (for example, permanent rose, quinacridone rose, or permanent alizarin crimson)
- Thalo green
- Thalo blue

Brushes

If you have experience with watercolor, bring the brushes you are accustomed to using. If you are new to watercolor, you will need a couple of round brushes --- a #8 and a #10 or #12 --- and a 1 1/2" flat brush. A size 6 round can occasionally be useful for touches of detail.

Sable brushes are my favorite watercolor brushes, but they cost a small fortune. Sable/synthetic blends, such as the Winsor and Newton Sceptre Gold brushes, are a good compromise, cheaper than a pure sable but still pricey in larger sizes. Synthetics, such as white sables or golden taklons, are the least expensive and work reasonably well; in fact, many artists prefer them. Choose what fits your budget.

Paper

Bring sheets or blocks of 11x15 or 12x16 cold pressed 140 lb. watercolor paper.

Other materials

- Watercolor palette.
- 2 - 24 oz. or larger plastic containers for water (food containers work well)
- Kitchen sponge
- Pencil (standard household pencil)
- Eraser - either white plastic or kneaded rubber
- Spray bottle
- Paper towels (Bounty works best)
- 3/4" artists' tape or bulldog clips if you are using single sheets of paper; if you are using a watercolor block, you don't need tape
- Masonite drawing board, gatorboard, or other rigid working surface if you are using single sheets of paper; you don't need a drawing board if you are working from a watercolor block.
- Small sketch book or cheap paper for preliminary sketches