

WATERCOLOR

The Basic Equipment - *The Essentials*

Below, I have highlighted in **Red** the items that are essential for participation in the workshop. I will have a few of all the other items that participants can use.

Paints: This is what I refer to as a **basic palette of colors**.

- Cadmium Red Medium Hue
- Permanent Alizarin Crimson
- Cadmium Yellow (Medium Hue), (Light Hue) and (Deep)
- Phathlo Blue (Red Shade)
- Prussian Blue
- Cerulean Blue
- Burnt Sienna
- Burnt Umber
- Quinacridone Gold
- Cabazole Violet
- Quinacridone Burnt Scarlet
- Neutral Tint
- McCracken Black

****NOTE** Additional specialty colors will be available to try.**

Brushes: A selection of **watercolor rounds**, such as #4, #6, #8, (either synthetic or sable), I prefer Kolinsky Sable, a #4 round acrylic brush and/or a ½" flat synthetic brush for use in lifting and as a "scrubber." I use Escoda Brushes. I recommend their "Versatil" brushes. These are synthetic Kolinsky and are much less expensive than true Kolinsky brushes. **An old round, #6 or #8, that is no longer useful for painting for the black backgrounds.**

Palette: **White plate/platter or white plastic palette** with multiple pans for your paints and a small multi-pan palette for mixing multiple shades of a color. I use a John Pike palette as my primary palette.

Water Containers: **Two, clear containers, quart size or larger**

Pencil and Eraser: **Wood or Mechanical Pencil (recommended) with 2H lead, and one with an F or 2B lead and a white eraser, such as Staedtler Mars.**

Paper Towel: **White (no color printing)**

Paper: One sheet of Fabriano Artistic 300-pound soft press paper will be provided. Bring a book or pad for notes. A block of watercolor paper would be useful for testing.

Backing Board: **A plywood, gatorboard or other stiff board to support your Quarter sheet painting on a slant, at least 15" x 20" and a piece of Matte board or other board for use with the X-acto knife, approximately 10" x 15."**

Additional Items Recommended: Liquid masking fluid (I recommend Daniel Smith), a pad of 11" x 14" lightweight tracing paper, **X-acto knife with #11 blade** or equivalent, Nichiban Washi White Masking Tape is available on Amazon or from <https://merriartist.com>.