

2026 Watercolor Supplies for Gerilyn's Classes

1. To practice drawing and take notes, students need a mix media drawing notebook.
2. Essential items include water container, pencil, kneaded eraser, palette knife, viva paper towels, misting bottle, sea sponge, liquid masking fluid, and resource photos.
3. For watercolor painting, students should have:
 - brushes like sable, squirrel, synthetic, or a mix of these materials in round sizes #12, 8, 6, and 4, as well as a rigger or liner brush with thin, long hair #3, a few flat brushes in sizes 3/4 inch, 1", and 2", and mop brushes made with squirrel hair.
 - 100% cotton watercolor paper like Arches 140 LB. white, Winsor Newton 140lb. paper, Kilimanjaro watercolor paper, Fabriano watercolor paper, Saunders Waterford watercolor paper, or Traditional by Hahnemuhle. Size of paper a block of 12 " by 16" fits most standard mats and frames.
 - Watercolor paints – good brands to consider are Winsor Newton, Holbein, DaVinci, MaimeriBlu, Graham, Daniel Smith, Schmincke, Grumbacher, and Sennelier.
 - Colors to get started with: New Gamboge Yellow, Aureolin Yellow, Yellow Ochre. Alizarin Crimson, Permanent Rose , Burnt Sienna, Burnt Umber, Hookers Green, Cobalt Blue, Ultramarine Blue, Cerealan Blue, Paynes Gray

Recommended sources for art supplies include Dickblick.com, JerrysArtarama.com, and Amazon.