Watercolor Illustration
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Supply List

1. **Brushes:** *Rounds only* (no flats/filberts). Sizes: #4, #6 #8 #12/#18 . #1 or #0 for finest details. Current favorite brands of mine: Princeton Velvetouch, Princeton Neptune, & if you want a real fancy brush (and are not a vegan/vegetarian, because they are made of animals): Kolinsky Round.

An additional *large, flat* brush for washes 1", 2" or 3". (could be cheap, hardware-store brush)

2. **Watercolor paint. Choose one: a set of dry watercolor OR tube paints:**
I recommend to start learning with a dry watercolor set, not tubes.

*Yanka (St. Petersburg) Professional Watercolor set, 24 colors, original palette.* It is my brand of choice, I have been using it for years, and it lasts a long long time. Other good brands: Winsor & Newton, Van Gogh, Daniel Smith. M. Graham’s.

*Don't buy paints that are too cheap. Pigments tend to be so watered down and the colors are washed-out.*

**IF buying tube paints and not dry/pan watercolor set, here are recommended colors to purchase:**
Cadmium Yellow/ or cad. light, Lemon Yellow, Alizarin Crimson, Cadmium Red /or car. red light, Ultramarine Blue, Prussian Blue, Sap Green, Burnt Sienna, Yellow Ochre, Quinacridone red, Cad. Orange, Sepia.

3. **Palette:** (especially needed if you're buying tube paints. The dry sets normally come with a palette)
I recommend a palette that has a lid, and that is larger (9x12 or larger, with indents for the paint).

4. **Watercolor Paper:** Pad or Block. Size: 9"x12" or larger. Brands: Arches is the best. Also good: Canson, Strathmore, Fabriano, and Blick generic. Look at the paper weight: 140lb or higher. (Anything under 90lb will warp). Get a pad of at least 20 sheets. You can buy separate sheets and cut them down to a desirable size.

5. **Small sketchbook** with heavy paper for sketches and experiment. I recommend Aquabee.
*Optional: a small, travel size watercolor pad to carry with you.

6. **A container for water.** With lid is recommended, especially if you intend to paint outdoors. (Glass jar, plastic container etc).

7. **Rag** or paper towel. Fabric rags are highly recommended as it can be reused for years and save the planet. They sell "bags of rags" and home depot, or an old cotton T-shirt works great too!

8. **Drawing tools:** pencil (Soft, B2, B4 or higher). Erasers: kneaded and plastic, and a sharpener.

9. **Masking tape.**

**Optional materials:**
1. Masking Fluid, wax crayon, salt (for resists).
2. Pen and ink, graphic pens, waterproof pens, non-waterproof pens etc.
3. Watercolor pencils or crayons
4. Digital/phone camera for photographing subjects you didn't have time to finish.