

# 92Y ART CENTER

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## Watercolor Painting – Absolute Beginners & Beginner/Intermediate

Instructors: Allison Maletz, Eva Nikolova, Zach Seeger

### Supply List Allison Maletz:

Drawing:

- 9x12" (ish) drawing pad of all-purpose paper (try to make sure there is as little texture as possible on the surface of the paper – Hot Press). Printer paper is also fine!
- Graphite Drawing pencils: a range of HB, 2B, 4B, 6B (for shading)
- Generals Charcoal pencil: Medium or Soft
- "Compressed" charcoal stick, soft
- Kneaded Eraser
- Regular White Eraser
- Pencil Sharpener

Watercolor:

- Hard Pencil or Mechanical Pencil (HB or 2H)
- Kneaded Eraser
- 9x12"-11x14" This is the best: Arches Watercolor PAD, 140 lb. Cold Pressed, 9" x 12" (the "block" is triple the price, don't buy that) (12 sheets). (\$15) Distant seconds are Legion Stonehenge Aqua Watercolor Block, white OR Fluid, 140 Cold Press, 9" X 12" [Watercolor Pad, 9" x 12" | Arches - Cheap Joe's Art Stuff \(cheapjoes.com\)](#)

OR:(I'm not thrilled about the following, but it's another option:)

<https://www.amazon.com/Yupo-Paper-L21-SQC140WH912-Painting-Drawing/dp/B01N4POY2T>

OR: [Amazon.com: Fluid Artist 140LB Watercolor Paper Block, 9x12, Cold Press, 15 Sheets](#)

- Tray/Palette - A metal travel palette with a lid and at least 12 wells for different colors. [Mijello Fusion Airtight/Leakproof Palettes | BLICK Art Materials \(dickblick.com\)](#)
- OR: [Amazon.com: Color Around Aluminum Watercolor Palette \(26 Well\(8.07"x3.35"x0.71"\)\)](#)
- A range of Watercolor Brush Sizes varying from round and flat: 0 round, 4 or 6 flat, 10 round, 20 Flat, for example (you will know them from oil brushes because the bristles on water-based brushes are very soft to the touch.) I recommend: Princeton Art and Brush Co. Princeton Series 9000 Brown Handled Brush, Set of 7 [Amazon.com: Princeton Art & Brush P9143 Real Value Brush Set, Synthetic Gold Taklon, Round 2 and 4, Liner 2/0, Shader 2 and 6](#)
- 1 water container, a plastic cup or coffee tin (anything out of the recycle bin will do.)
- Watercolor paint tubes. I would recommend buying a box of 8-15 small tubes of all the basic colors. \*\*\*At the very minimum you must have primary colors: Cadmium Red Deep, Cadmium Yellow, Ultramarine Blue, Lamp Black, and Burnt Umber. (No White, Naples Yellow, or "Flesh Tint") I recommend opening the tubes of paint in the store to make sure the colors look "primary" aka, that the red is really RED and not orangey red, etc.
- Colors I use (and you can add them to your palette in this order - This is not mandatory, mainly for those who are curious): Burnt Umber, Raw Sienna, Crimson, Deep Red,

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Alizarin, Opera, Vermilion, Deep Yellow, Light Yellow, Lemon Yellow, Yellow Ocher, Olive Green, Sap Green, Shadow Green, Viridian, Ultramarine Blue, Cobalt, Prussian Blue, Violet, Payne's Gray, Black.

- Right now, in the demos I'm using Sennelier and Holbein

- [Amazon.com: Sennelier Watercolor Metal Box 12 Tube Set](#)

OR: [Amazon.com: Holbein Artist's Watercolors Set of 12 5ml Tubes W401 : Arts, Crafts & Sewing](#)

- I love this brand, and recommend it to all my students: [Amazon.com: SHINHAN Professional Watercolor Paint 7.5ml Tubes 30 Color Set \[New Improved Version\]](#)

\*Avoid: Reeves and Michaels Brand (Artist's Loft) Paints - They are very frustrating to work with and have no longevity.

- Kitchen Paper towels

- Masking Fluid (I have no brand allegiance.) [Golden QoR Watercolor Masking Fluid, 2 Ounce Bottle \(7001600-2\) White - - Amazon.com](#)

OPTIONAL:

- Water Resistant Sumi Ink (I have red top, but doesn't need to be that) [Yasutomo Liquid Sumi Ink | BLICK Art Materials \(dickblick.com\)](#)

- Clamp Light or desk lamp for additional light: [Amazon.com: Simple Deluxe Clamp Lamp Light with 8.5 Inch Aluminum Reflector up to 150 Watt E26 Socket \(no Bulb Included\) 6 Feet 18/2 SPT-2 Cord, Silver and White : Everything Else](#)

- Blow Dryer [Amazon.com : REVLON 1875W Lightweight + Compact Travel Hair Dryer, Black : Hair Dryers : Beauty & Personal Care](#)

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## **Supply List for Eva Nikolova:**

Watercolor brushes

- Recommended variety of round and flat in range of sizes including a 1"-3/4 flat and Round #8

Paper

- Recommended Weight: 140lb
- Recommended brand: Arches

Palette (either white porcelain or plastic plate, an ice-cube tray will do in a pinch!)

Watercolor paint:

Essential colors:

- Ultramarine Blue
- Lemon or AZO Yellow
- Alizarin Crimson
- Phthalo Blue

Optional:

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| ▪ Cerulean Blue  | ▪ Yellow ochre      |
| ▪ Cadmium Yellow | ▪ Ultramarine Blue  |
| ▪ Cadmium red    | ▪ Raw Sienna        |
| ▪ Phthalo green  | ▪ Viridian Green    |
| ▪ Payne's grey   | ▪ Cadmium Red Light |
| ▪ Burnt sienna   |                     |

Containers for water, 2 (anything from the recycling bin will do)

## **Supply list for Zach Seeger**

- Porcelain or white plastic tray for palette
- Round brushes: #4-8 sable or synthetic sable
- 300lb paper Arches or Fluid 100
- 2h pencil
- kneaded eraser
- 2 plastic cups for water (old yogurt containers are great)
- Watercolor Paint (artist grade recommended)
  - Essential Colors from tubes:
    - Cobalt blue
    - Ultramarine blue
    - Alizarin Crimson
    - Cadmium Lemon
    - Cadmium Red Light
    - Viridian