

WATERCOLOR CLASS FOR BEGINNERS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will explore the basics of color theory and brushstroke technique. The student will learn different brushstroke techniques to develop personal style and artistry. This course requires no previous art skill or experience. THIS COURSE SYLLABUS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

COURSE TOPICS/ OUTLINE

- Lesson 1 ----- An introduction to watercolor and color theories
Lesson 2 ----- Getting started: demonstration and practicing with brushstrokes
Lesson 3 ----- Working with color and with a variation of brushstroke techniques
Lesson 4 ----- Steps to creating a painting with a primary subject
Lesson 5 ----- Some techniques to improve your artistic style

MATERIALS NEEDED

All supplies could be bought at very low prices or at a high expense, depending on the quality of supplies you decide to purchase. I do not believe students need to buy expensive supplies. Any brands, quality, or style will do. The most important thing is to dedicate time to practice improving techniques. Bring what you have around the house, even some make up brushes can be useful if they are dense!

PAPER:

The watercolor paper. Most Watercolor paper: standard 140lb white, cold press Acid Free Strathmore (Brand name doesn't matter!), 11"x 15" 300 series watercolor pad or size 9"x 12". No rough textures if possible. - Sketchbooks are not required but are recommended...

BRUSHES:

Must be brushes for watercolor. Natural hairs are the best, but synthetic fibers work well:

#5 #6 #8 round that form a pointed tip.

1 wide flat, straight square edge

WATERCOLOR PALETTE:

A white plastic container with large mixings areas (will be helpful during watercolor activities) and snug fitting covers; or just a white plate (to start with will be ok) and a plastic bag to cover it. You can also use plastic lids from coffee cans, foam picnic plates, jars, etc...

MASKING TAPE:

Needed to seal off the edges and prevent watercolor runoff.

CONTAINER:

Two plastic containers to hold water (glass can work but be careful!).

MISC. ITEMS (recommended):

Soft drawing pencil, small spray bottle, A kneaded eraser, Paper towels
An old toothbrush

You can purchase your materials from:

Raw Materials Art Supplies

rawmaterialsla.com

436 S Main St
Los Angeles, CA
(213) 627-7223

Top's Art Supplies

topsartsupplies.com

3447 W 8th St
Los Angeles, CA
(213) 382-8229

Blick Art Materials

dickblick.com

7301 Beverly Blvd
Los Angeles, CA
(323) 933-9284

Artist & Craftsman Supply LA

artistcraftsman.com

1660 S La Cienega Blvd
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