

MATERIALS FOR DAWN JOHNSON'S WATERCOLOR CLASS

PAINT -

Tube paint. Professional quality, not student grade. "Transparent" (not opaque such as gouache) Brands such as Holbein, Winsor Newton, M Graham, Grumbacher, Daniel Smith, etc.

Better to start with a few good quality paints that you can add to versus a set of student grade.

COLORS - Don't buy colors that have "hue" after name. Most brands have their own names for colors, it is not uniform. Start with the primary colors of yellow, red and blue. I have listed some examples but don't worry if they aren't the exact names.

Yellows - Both Cadmium Yellow (or Cadmium Yellow Light) and Lemon Yellow

Reds - Both Cadmium Red and Alizarin Crimson

Blues - Both Cobalt Blue and Ultramarine Blue

If you have or want to add other colors that is great. This is just a starting palette.

Neutrals optional. Raw Sienna and Burnt Umber. I don't suggest black to start

BRUSHES -

Good Synthetic brushes are great, Kolinsky sable are best. Buy what you can afford. Brush sizes are a suggestion. Don't worry about getting the exact size.

Liner brush

Round brush size 4, 8 and 10

Flat brush size 1/2 ", 1" and 2" will give you a nice range.

An extra old synthetic round brush is good for mixing colors on your palette.

PAPER -

This is where you don't want to skimp. Stay away from student grade papers. Professional grade size 22" x 30" is best i.e. Arches, 140 lb cold press. Do not use under 140 lb. You can make a couple of smaller paintings from this size.

If you are interested in stretching your paper to prevent buckling, I suggest either a gator board or the "Incredible Art Board", 16" x 24" size or 24" x 32" size.

PALETTE -

To start, a white dish, cookie sheet almost anything will work. When purchasing, look for a covered palette with separate wells to store color.

PENCILS -

A 2H pencil and a Square soft graphite stick, 6B preferred

OTHER -

Masking Fluid - Optional

Sketch book

Roll of Paper Towel

Kneaded Eraser

Water Bucket

Low resist painters tape

Spray Bottle - windex pump style

Large pad of drawing or newsprint paper

Light duty staple gun for stretching paper

Camera

If supplies can't be found locally, try online.

dickblick.com, jerrysartarama.com

cheapjoes.com, or others