

ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

INTERMEDIATE BOTANICAL WATERCOLOUR

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SUPPLIES - It is important to use the best quality supplies that you can afford. The frustration of using poor quality brushes and paints proves the need for professional equipment

Optional items- items that are optional, but I will be using, are in Italics

PAINTS

Transparent watercolours:

Rose madder genuine (permanent rose can be substituted for rose madder genuine), aureolin, cobalt blue, Antwerp blue, burnt sienna, raw sienna

Staining pigments:

Winsor blue red shade, alizarin crimson, permanent sap green, *Winsor green blue shade, Winsor violet*

Opaque sedimentary pigments:

Cadmium red, french ultramarine blue *cerulean blue, yellow ochre, cadmium orange, cadmium yellow*

Other colours that are useful in floral painting *permanent rose, cobalt violet, lemon yellow*

Recommended - I use Winsor and Newton (artists' quality)

However use what you have first, don't necessarily throw out old paints if you have some at home other good brands are Cotman, and Talens, Cotman is Winsor Newton Students grade watercolour

BRUSHES

 - "the best you can afford" watercolour brushes

Rounds 000, 1, 4, 6, (12 or 14) round brushes *and a (1/4 or 1/2).inch flat brush.*

Recommended Series 7 (Winsor and Newton) in the small sizes, if you can, as your detail work needs accuracy. I have the size 1, 00 and 000 Winsor and Newton series 7. Winsor and Newton Septra series is also very good for a cheaper brush I use these in the larger sizes, 5 and up. Currys also offer some less expensive watercolour brushes that I have found to be of good quality, buy the ones with the blue handles.

PAPER

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140-lb. Arches cold press paper

Recommended 100% acid free paper (rag) Arches is an excellent paper although there are many other excellent manufactures.

ALSO NEEDED

Large white palette (I use a Zalton Zabo palette), kneaded eraser, pencil H or HB, waterproof board or Plexiglas used to support watercolour paper, one-sided razor blade or utility knife, magnifying glass, sketching paper or book, tracing paper, masking liquid, 1 sheet Wet media acetate, *old 3/8 oil painting (bristle brush) for lifting,*

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Masking tape, Saran Wrap, 2 water pots (margarine tub size), white paper towels, old toothbrush, salt (table and pickling variety), and ruler, bud vase and props for painting that you may want to use.

We will be in the classroom area on the Hamilton side of the building. You can park in the parking lot closest to Hamilton and go in the back door. We will be in room 3-4 or room 5 both are before you walk though the Mediterranean Greenhouses. Any questions please call or email me; my information is at the top of the page.

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