

Materials List - Economy Watercolor Supplies for Children Catinka Knoth
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Paints

Prang transparent watercolors - set of 8 pans with 2 Ticonderoga #2 pencils, now available at Walmart c. \$3.00

or

Alvin opaque watercolors - set of 6 pans, available at Rockport Blueprint c. \$6.50

There are also inexpensive sets of watercolor tubes. You need a white plastic palette with a cover for these. Both of the above pan sets can be refilled with tube paints as needed, though they will be a different type of paint. Not really a problem. (Prang is bright strong colors but painting will probably fade over time)

Paper - Georgia Pacific Card Stock 8.5" x 11", package of 150 sheets, available at Walmart, c. \$5.00

I've found this takes the paint quite nicely at a much lower cost. It does curl because its a lighter weight paper. I've done some decent paintings on it. For the price I like it better than student watercolor paper. And it is plentiful. Georgia Pacific also makes a 'multi-purpose' paper that is great practice paper, (not to be confused with 'copy paper'), c. \$4.00 - 500 sheet ream, 8.5x11.

Brushes

synthetic sable watercolor brushes - choose with your budget. Start with one brush, preferably one of the options in '1)'. I have a fair amount of decent brushes for classroom use.

1) large 'round' #12 or #14 - Robert Simmons, Cotman are decent brands c. \$12 - 14?. A #8 is smaller and will do a lot, also cost less.

2) 1/2" 'flat' or 'one stroke' (or 3/4" or 1") c \$9-12 depending on size and/or brand

3) #3 or #4 'rigger' (has long skinny head) \$4-5

'Simply Simmons', Robert Simmons' economy student brand, offers very low budget decent brushes if you can find them, c \$3.00 each. Look for the same sizes listed above.

'Princeton' Watercolor Brush Sets may be ok - but I don't think there is a set that has big enough brushes, and they all have unnecessary brushes.

bulldog clips to clip paper to board.

board for paper - should be smooth. I have board for class

paper towels or tee shirt rag

#2 pencils, Ticonderoga or decent drawing pencil, (not the cheap splintery brands from China)

plastic eraser

sharpener