



MANIFEST DRAWING CENTER

A Summer Survey: Intro to Watercolor

Monday, June 16 - Thursday, June 19 | 3-6 pm

Course Description

Watercolor is an alchemical medium – colors mixing with water, joining with it, being extended by it – creating new life where none had been before. – Joseph Raffael

Curious about watercolor? Ever wonder how your favorite artists achieve such fresh-looking paintings? Join us this summer for an intensive introduction to this luminous, fickle medium. In this class, we will practice a variety of techniques to create surface effects, including flat washes, gradients, and drybrush. Using a primarily direct approach, we will help build confidence in your markmaking and clarity in your shapes. Come paint with us!

Topics will include:

- Flat washes, gradients, variegated washes, and drybrush
- Wet-on-dry and wet-into-wet techniques
- Staining, sedimentary, and luminous watercolor pigments
- Value, temperature, and full color paintings

Materials List:

Paint

One small tube (about 5ml) each of the following colors in any professional brand (I recommend Winsor & Newton)

Alizarin Crimson
Cadmium Red
Winsor Lemon
Cadmium Yellow
Winsor blue (red shade)
Ultramarine blue
Sap green
Sepia
Payne's Grey

One plastic watercolor palette, with at least 9 small wells and 3 larger sections

(This is the one I use: <https://www.jerrysartarama.com/folding-plastic-palette>)

Brushes

One each of #2, #8, and either #12 or #16 round brushes (or any similar small, medium, and large round)

***Natural hair, like sable or squirrel, are preferred because they hold more water than synthetic. Buy the nicest short-handle brushes you can. They'll last a lifetime if you care for them.

Silver Black Velvet make good, reasonably priced squirrel-hair brushes.

Princeton Aqua Elite is a useable synthetic brand.

9x12 100% cotton Arches cold press watercolor block (20 sheets)

White painter's tape (one roll)

2 cups for water

Rags or paper towels

2H pencil, kneaded eraser, sketchbook

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