

Watercolor Workshop with Christopher Leeper – Supply List

Paper- Good quality paper; Arches, Fabriano, Waterford or Kilimanjaro. 140 or 300 #, 3 or 4 quarter (11x15) sheets is fine. You can also use a watercolor block if you like.

Brushes – a variety of standard watercolor brushes (rounds and flats) List of recommended sizes are below (synthetic or sable) You do not need the whole list of sizes. Many paintings can be completed with just a couple brushes. An acceptable set might be: #4, #10, #12 rounds, rigger and a ½ inch and 1 inch flat. I like Silver Brush Black Velvets.

Paints – A basic split primary palette of colors (see details below)

There are many professional grade paints that are very good. Examples include, Winsor & Newton, DaVinci, Holbein, Maimeri, M. Graham to name a few. I use Daniel Smith. There are hundreds of colors to choose from. Fortunately, we only need a few. See attached list of colors.

The key to a good watercolor palette is having warm and cool colors within your primary palette and then supplementing those colors with earth tones and secondary colors. For example:

YELLOWS

(One cool yellow) i.e., Cadmium Yellow Light or Pale, Auerolin, Winsor Yellow, **Hansa Yellow Light**

(One warm yellow) i.e., **New Gamboge**, Indian Yellow

REDS

(One cool red) i.e., Rose Madder, **Quinacridone Red**, Winsor Red, Permanent Rose, Madder Lake Light, Alizarin Crimson

(One warm red) i.e., Cadmium Red Light, **Organic Vermillion**

BLUES

(Cool) Thalo Blue

(Warm) Ultramarine Blue

(Neutral) Cobalt Blue

(Optional) Cerulean Blue or **Manganese Blue** (*can be warm and cool depending how it is used*)

EARTH TONES (Optional)

Yellow Ochre, Raw Umber, Burnt Umber, Burnt Sienna, Raw Sienna, **Permanent Brown** (Daniel Smith)

These colors can be made with a primary palette.

VIOLETS (Optional)

Thio Violet, Cobalt Violet, **Quinacridone Violet** or Dioxazine Purple (*Any of these will work.*)

GREENS (Optional)

I use Viridian or **Thalo Green**.

Other colors that are useful but not essential are: Green Gold, **Quinacridone Gold**, **Quinacridone Sienna**, **Cadmium Orange**, **Chinese White** (*used for accents*).

Bold colors are what I use on my palette.

PLEASE DO NOT BUY ALL THESE COLORS. Other than a split primary palette (two yellows, one red, three blues), you do not need all these colors. They are listed as options.

Other equipment: If not using a block, a board to tape your paper, masking tape; wide mouth container(s); large watercolor palette; kneaded eraser; pencil

Bring reference photos.

