

# Watercolor Basics for Beginners

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Truly a class for the beginner, you will learn basic watercolor techniques that will be your building blocks to painting wonderful, luminous watercolors. You will complete a project each week introducing you to a different technique like mark making, washes, light and shadows, wet on wet, color mixing and more. The final class in the series will be devoted to completing a painting using the techniques learned.

**Materials List:** Artist grade materials are always best as you will be most happy with the results, but they are not required. Student grade is adequate. Children's paint sets, papers and brushes are not acceptable.

\*Watercolor Paint: may be tubes or pans – Recommend the following basic colors: lemon yellow, cadmium yellow, alizarin, cadmium red, cerulean blue, ultramarine blue, hooker's green and burnt sienna. – or whatever comes in a set if you do not buy them separately.

\*Watercolor Paper: may be pad or block or individual sheets - 140 lb cold press acid free - minimum size 9x12.

\*Watercolor Brushes: may be natural hair or synthetic – Recommend the following sizes and shapes: #6 and #12 flat, #2, #6 and #10 round. – Michael's and Hobby Lobby have sets also

\*Mixing Palette: either a ready-made plastic palette with various size wells for mixing or a white ceramic or glass dinner plate from the Dollar Store will work.

\*2 jars for water.

\*Paper Towels.

\*Drawing Pencils and Erasers.

\*Apron or old shirt to protect your clothes.

Contact Elaine with any questions.