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## Watercolor Supplies List: —“Cactus Flowers in Watercolor”

*(These supplies are simply suggestions. Just because they are on this list doesn't mean they are required!)*

### PAINTS & PALETTE:

*If you have a favorite palette, please use what you have.* I recommend **warm and cool, light and dark versions of the three primaries (red, yellow, blue), one or two of the secondaries (orange, green, purple), then fill in with your other favorites.**

**Below are some of the pigments on my palette** — all are Daniel Smith Artists' Materials tube paints but there are many good brands. it's best to purchase high grade, archival tube pigments, not student grade. *(To save on costs, many pigments can be found in small 5ml tubes.)*

**Yellow:** Azo Yellow, New Gamboge, Raw Sienna

**Red:** Pyrrol Red, Quinacridone Rose

**Blue:** Ultramarine Blue, Cobalt Blue, Cerulean Blue

**Orange:** Quinacridone Burnt Orange, Burnt Sienna

**Purple:** Imperial Purple, Lavender

**Green:** Cobalt Teal, Sap Green, Terre Vert

In addition, I have Sepia, Burnt Umber, and Ivory Black, and **I consider White Gouache and Neutral Tint very important to have on your palette.** *(Make sure your white gouache is NOT acrylic, permanent gouache!)*

I use a large palette with large paint wells and separate mixing areas. Some small folding palettes are good, but paint can drip down from the top when closed. I keep my paints goopy by spritzing them with water regularly.

### Items below in red are considered essential:

#### PAPER:

**1 sheet Arches 140# Cold Press paper** (22" x 30" sheet size torn or cut into four 11" x 15" sheets)

*(Good paper is VERY important, but there are other good brands, if you have a preference.)*

#### BRUSHES:

**Brushes that are a mix of synthetic and natural bristles are good and not as expensive as all natural brushes. I use a combination of round and flat brushes.**

2" Flat wash brush

**1", 3/4", 1/2", and 1/4" Flats**

**#12 (or #14) and #8 Rounds**

#4 Rigger (*script brush*)

Scrubber Brushes (*if you have them*)

#### GENERAL ACCESSORIES:

**Brush holder to hold brushes in position**

**1/2" or 3/4" white artists or masking tape (please do not use colored tape)**

**#2B or #3B pencil** (*I often use a mechanical pencil*)

Small pencil sharpener if you use a regular pencil

**Kneaded eraser**

Artist's gray scale/value finder (*I will supply a version in my digital handout*)

**Water containers** (*I use one main container for dirty water and one smaller for clean water*)

**Roll of absorbent paper towels**

**Adjustable spray bottle or atomizer**

**12" or 18" ruler** (*18" is better if you have one*)

**A piece 12" x 16" of plastic or corrugate plastic board to paint on**

*Something non-porous. Here is a link to corrugated plastic boards on Amazon to give you an idea. This brand is very inexpensive and you can use the boards without the metal stakes provided:*

<https://tinyurl.com/bdz7sxrc>