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Get the inside scoop before you start painting: pointers and product explanations ahead.

## Watercolor: A Beginner's Guide

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# BRUSHES



You'll find a variety of watercolor brushes on the shelf, and it's easy to get lost in the ocean of filaments, shapes and sizes. We've pared things down to a basic getting-started supply list:

- 1 Round Brush, Size 4
- 1 Round Brush, Size 8
- 1 Flat Wash Brush, 1"

You'll get pickier about your brushes after some practice. Experimentation is the key to finding the ones you can't live without.

# PAINTS



Traditional artist-grade watercolors come in tubes or pans.

**Pan** colors are very portable, and they're recommended if you're fond of quick setups and cleanups—and they'll remind you a little of your childhood paint set.

**Bright** colors are fussier when it comes to prep and cleanup, but lots of painters contend that they produce more vibrant colors. If you go the tube route, we recommend that you pick up a pre-packaged set to get a good range of colors

## PAPER:

Watercolor paper is sold in a variety of weights and textures. But as with all things art, you'll get a feel for what works best for you.

**Recommended For Beginners:** 140-lb. cold-pressed paper

**Note:** If you're not working with a thick watercolor paper, it is recommended to "stretch" the paper to prevent it from buckling. To do this, you will need to soak the paper in cold water, tautly tape it to a support board, and allow it to dry there.

## THINGS YOU'LL NEED:

- Support Board
- Tape
- Palette
- Paint Cups