



Complete Watercolor Supply List for

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# WATERCOLOR PET PORTRAITS



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# PAINTING PETS with Passion

To paint with watercolors you need paint, paper, brushes and a bag full of miscellaneous supplies. Here is what I recommend to get you started or to fill out what you already have.

## PAINT

Do not skimp on paint. Every semester at least one student will walk in with a box of Reeve paints that come in a box of a dozen or so tubes and if they still have the receipt I tell them to just bring it back to the store. They are awful and you will not be able to paint a convincing portrait with them. It is tempting to skimp on paint but trying to use low quality paint the consistency of toothpaste is like cooking with food that isn't fresh. You have to start with good ingredients to get good results.

The best brands are **Winsor Newton** and **Holbein** (my favorite) Dick Blick also has its own brand which I think offers a nice alternative at a lower price point without sacrificing quality. To save money you can buy the 5ml sizes. I also do not recommend paint by Daniel Smith. They dry out way too quickly.

Please start with a minimum of the following eight colors:

- [yellow ochre](#)
- [burnt sienna](#)
- [cadmium red](#)
- [cerulean blue](#)
- [cobalt blue](#)
- [ultramarine blue](#)
- [phthalo green](#) (also called Winsor green)
- [rose madder](#) (or [permanent rose](#) or [opera rose](#))



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Other good ones to have if you want to add on are

- [raw umber](#)
- [raw sienna](#)
- [cadmium yellow](#)
- [Indian red](#)
- [phthalo blue](#) (also called Winsor blue)
- [Winsor red](#)

If you have been painting for a while and want to add some of my favorite colors then go ahead and get any of these colors you may want to try

- [quinacridone gold](#)
- [cobalt turquoise](#)
- [cobalt violet](#)
- [scarlet lake](#)
- [brown madder](#)
- [viridian green](#)

## Paper

Beginners will work best with a BLOCK of paper. The just right size is 9x12" Please choose Cold press paper. I recommend [ARCHES WC BLOCKS/9X12 CP 140LB 20SHT](#)

## Brushes

Range in price and affects the outcome. You need one small and one large to start. Beginners do not need highest quality. I use Kolinsky sable but you can use:

- [COTMAN ROUND BRUSH/SZ 12](#) and [6](#) and if you want one, a [1" flat](#)
- I also love the [Da Vinci round sable mix series](#)



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## Palette

You need something to keep the paint in. The best is the John Pike Palette which is around \$28 on Amazon there are also cheaper versions of the same thing

- [John Pike palette](#) \$15.81 -*Amazon.com*

## Misc

- [gray kneaded eraser](#)
- plastic quart sized container to hold water (old clean soup takeout container)
- [atomizer/spray bottle](#) from art store but drugstores have this too
- no. 2 pencil (nothing fancy)
- kitchen sponge
- tissues and paper towels
- [Mr. Clean Magic eraser](#) (buy at supermarket)



If you've always wanted to paint your fur family but been afraid to try then The Pet Portrait Academy will help you.

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