

COURSE SYLLABUS

Introduction to Watercolour (18+) 10-Week

Instructor: Kelley Aitken

Thursday, March 21 - May 23, 10 am – 1 pm

Class 1: Introduction to Materials

- Palette set-up; colour charts; mixing greens and greys; flat and graded wash; simple still life

Class 2: Botanicals and Separate Elements

- Bud, petal, stem, leaf, pussy willows

Class 3: Botanicals, Visit to Sarindar Dhaliwal, Compositions and Flowers

Class 4: Landscape Elements

- Skies, trees, atmospheric recession, water, reflections

Class 5: Continue Landscape

Class 6: Portraits and Features of the Face

Class 7: Portraiture, the Figure, Live Model

Class 8: Visit to Prints and Drawing Study Centre

- Sketching, paintings from sketches and photos

Class 9: Inspired by the Masters, Paul Klee Paintings on Tibetan Paper

Class 10: Finalizing Artwork

MATERIALS LIST

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Items in **bold** are required for the first class.

Small tubes (5-15ml) of the listed colours, which you can load the palette with. Da Vinci, Turner, Van Gogh, Winsor Newton, Daniel Smith are all great brands. (Turner and Van Gogh tend to be more affordable) A student grade option you can consider is Staedler's.

- Cobalt Blue, Ultramarine Blue, Cerulean Blue, Prussian Blue, Hansa Yellow or Aureolin Yellow, Quinacridone Gold, Permanent Rose, Winsor Red or Turner Red or da Vinci Red (a Cadmium Scarlet equivalent), Yellow Ochre, Burnt Sienna
- A white 'wells' hinged palette *if buying individual tubes.

PENCILS

- H or HB
- pink pearl eraser or vinyl eraser
- wax crayon or candle

BRUSHES

This set: 6 piece synthetic gold taklon

OR

- 1" flat taklon
- 1/2" flat taklon
- Round tip watercolour, sizes: 2, 4, 8, 10 taklon

Paper, Medium, Tape, Surface & other:

- 45ml Pebeo drawing gum masking fluid
- 2 sheets of 22 X 30 inches Arches 140 lb. cold press (this will be cut into multiple sheets during the class) OR Arches watercolour pad 140lb (approx 20-30 sheets) sized at 8"x10" or 10"x14" approx. (green label on black)
- Masking tape 1 inch low tack
- small sketchbook for taking notes and making thumbnail sketches

All material sizes are approximate. Please retain your receipts in case exchanges or returns are needed. On your first day of class, your instructor may recommend additional optional materials. Our Instructors will do their best to accommodate alternative materials whenever possible.

Suggested retailers for purchasing your art materials:

Aboveground Art Supplies (discount code: AGOSTUDENT10), DeSerres, Gwartzman's, Michaels, or your local art supply store.