

Beginning Watercolor Classes for Adults,

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Dates: Tuesdays, Feb 7, 14, 21 and 28 with a make up date of Tuesday, March 6. (This is in case of bad weather, or instructor illness).

Place: Rand Senior Center, Missouri Valley, IA

Times: 3-5pm or 6-8pm

Class will be limited to 8 adults. This will allow individual attention. (please note-there is no child care available on premises, so please make these arrangements prior to class)

Cost of Class \$65/4 classes plus the cost of supplies

Please fill out the Registration Form at the end and mail to me by January 31st with your payment.

This is a course for those with no experience in watercolor. Previous painting experience is not necessary, but ability to draw or sketch will be helpful. Some basic drawing instruction will be included.

Class One: Materials and tools explained, set up palettes with paint, color studies and practice painting techniques

Class Two: Practice of Painting techniques continued. A photograph will be provided to practice basic techniques on a simple subject.

Class Three: A more complex photograph will be provided and step-by-step instruction will be given to bring a painting to completion.

Class Four: The student will bring in several possible photos to work from. You will work on a painting of your own choosing with individual help provided.

Supplies:

Locally Hobby Lobby, Blick, Michaels, and Walmart carry art supplies. Online also try Cheap Joes, Jerry's Artarama or Daniel Smith.

Paint and Palette.

If you already have watercolor paints, you can bring them, but let me know so I can make sure you have the colors I will be using for best results. We will not use acrylics or oil paints.

For this class, you may purchase a palette and starter paint from me for \$15. This will give you enough paint of each color to do the class projects and probably several more paintings after.

If you want to buy your own palette and tube paints, I recommend the following for beginners:

Paint: Reeves 24 tube set for around \$14. The 12 tube set doesn't give you the right combination of colors. The 24 set it is a good price for a lot of paint. This one should be available through Blick or online.

Or the Art Advantage set from Hobby Lobby, which is also a 24 tube paint set for around \$14.

Palette: A small plastic palette with enough slots for at least 12 colors and mixing areas. I don't like the "daisy" palettes.

Brushes: If you have oil brushes they are too stiff for watercolor. If you have acrylic or tole painting brushes, they will work and you can bring them. Ideally, you will need the following:

A large round brush size 8 or bigger

One medium round brush size 4-6 range

A ¾ inch flat brush

A small round for details 1-2 size

You can buy a package of mixed brushes and will get enough variety to do the job. The Taklon brushes are just fine. From Blick's website I found this one for example:

05956-0069	Scholastic Sable and Taklon Set of 6	List \$16.01	\$12.99
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It doesn't have to be this exact one, but I want you to have a variety of sizes, especially a larger one to do skies.

Paper:

I have Arches paper and will sell it to you by the sheet or you can buy a tablet at the art store. From me, it will be \$1 per sheet for a 9"x12" size and I will have paper available at each class to purchase.

If you want to buy your own, this is one area that I really, highly recommend that you buy Arches brand paper (Waterford, Fabriano also ok). I do not like Strathmore or Canson. Try at your own peril. I can't even paint on them with good results. The weight should be 140lb minimum. (90lb will just buckle too much).

We will be working smaller, so buy a tablet of around 9"x12" or 10"x14". The size just needs to be in the neighborhood, I'm not picky about the size you buy.

We will be removing the sheets from the tablet and taping them onto a backer board to work on. You will need a piece of heavyweight cardboard (or a piece of masonite or plastic or foamcore) just bigger than whatever paper size you buy and masking or paper tape.

Misc. Supplies:

Two water containers (one for clean water and one for dirty water). A recycled Cool Whip tub works or any plastic container of that nature.

Small mister bottle. These are available at the art stores for around \$2. You might be able to get them at Walmart. I have used empty spray pump containers from beauty products.

Paper towels, scissors

Drawing pencil and eraser. If you are at Blick or Hobby Lobby anyway, treat yourself to an HB drawing pencil and a kneadable eraser. This pencil leaves a lighter mark than a #2.

Something to carry your things in.

Photographic reference pictures for your individual project. Please have these by the second class.

Registration Form

Complete this form and mail it to me, at the address below,
with your registration fee of \$65 by **Jan. 31st**
This will allow me time to order supplies.

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Missouri Valley, IA 51555

Name _____

Phone Home _____ Cell _____

Address _____

Email _____

Check one. 3-5pm class _____ 6-8pm class _____ Either one _____

You will be registered in the class in the order I receive payment. If the class is full, I will call you to see if you want a refund, are able to move to a different class, or want to be on a waiting list. If there is enough interest, I will have another class in March-April.

Supplies will be paid for at the class. I take either cash or check.

Refund Policy. Refunds will be given up to one week before class minus a \$10 fee. No refunds one week before class and later, unless there is a waiting list.

I can't wait to see you there.