

## **BRIAN SMITH'S RECOMMENDED** **WATERCOLOUR MATERIALS**

**(please do not feel pressurised to buy all items below its only a guide to work towards a complete palette for the artist)**

**Paper:** Recommended papers: Saunders Waterford, Arches are my two favourites also Canson Moulin Du Roy (this paper is a bit cheaper and good value). You have 3 choices of paper: Hot Press (HP), Not Surface and Rough Surface. They start with a 90lb weight and go up to 300lbs (640 grams). I would suggest using 140lbs (300 grams) or thicker. Ideally tape the paper to your board all the way round on all surfaces. I use a Not Surface paper which suits my style. Rough paper is great for texture. Hot Press which is smooth allows the pigments to mix on the surface and great for detail.

**Paint:** Winsor & Newton and Daniel Smith - both Artist Quality in tube form. 14ml are best and more economical but 5ml tubes can be brought instead. I recommend a selection of 20 colours total which includes 10 basic colours (marked \*) which is a good starter pack.

**Raw Sienna\***, **Aurelian\***, **Burnt Sienna\***, **French Ultra Marine\***, **Indian Yellow\***, **Rose Madder Genuine**, **Ceruleum Blue**, **Cobalt Blue\***, **Prussian Blue**, **Light Red**, **Alizarin Crimson Permanent**, **Light Turquoise\***, **Lavender\***, **Cadmium Red\***, **Burnt Umber**, **Raw Umber**, **Winsor Violet\***, **Indigo\***, **Brown Madder\***, **Neutral Tint**, **Quindrizone Gold**, **Viridian**.

**Brushes:** Winsor & Newton Series 7 Kolinsky Sable are the best you can get but are expensive. Pro Arte do very good mixes with sable and man made fibre but good value. Suggested size 5 or 6, size 8, size 10, sizes 14 or 16, 1½ flat. These will be enough to get you started then expand as you need.

**Sundries:** Some suggested useful extras: Adhesive framers tape, Syrom or Tessa are a good make (to hold the paper down). Do not get confused with the one you wet. Pencils 2b-4b, soft rubber, atomiser bottle, an old butter knife with a blunt blade, or similar (not a scalpel), water container + water bottle for using outside, tissues or kitchen roll

**Extras Needed:** Block to angle supplied board. Tape to secure paper to boards. Clear Magic Tape to divide images, Bleed Proof White Paint (Dr. Martins)

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