

Watercolour Impressions With Chan Dissanayake

Materials List

Paper:

Saunders Waterford 300gsm, rough **or** Arches 300gsm, rough or medium (I encourage the students to work in quarter sheet papers. One full sheet is sufficient for a day's work)

Brushes:

I use a medium size squirrel mop brush with a sharp point (Size 8 to 12) for most paintings. As the sizes vary with different manufacturers it is difficult to specify an exact size. A good quality brush will hold lot of pigment and present a sharp point when fully loaded. You don't need to buy Sable brushes which are very expensive, but please get a few artist- quality brushes. It will make a significant difference to your work.

Essential Brushes

Medium Size squirrel hair or natural hair Mop brush (Size 8 to 12) Size 12 round Brush with sharp point (Synthetic or Natural hair) Size 8 Round with sharp point (Synthetic or Natural hair) Size 0 or 1 Rigger (Synthetic)

Extra Brushes (Optional)

Size 6 Dagger also known as a "Sword brush" (Natural Hair) 1" / 2.5cms Flat Brush (Synthetic) 2" / 5cms Hake (Natural Hair)

Paint

If you already have watercolour paint, bring what you have. But If you are buying please make sure you buy artist quality paints. I prefer to use tube paints as they can be left on the palette to dry and can be reused. Essentially you will need warmer and cooler primary colour.

Essential Paint

Cerulean blue (Cool)
Ultramarine blue (Warm)
Raw Sienna or Yellow Ochre (Cool)
Cadmium Yellow Light (warm)
Cadmium Red Light (Warm)
Permanent Rose or Alizarin crimson (cool)
Burnt Sienna
Neutral Tint

Extra Paint (Optional)

Cobalt blue
Turquoise blue Light
Raw Umber
Chinese White
Australian Red Gold **or** Quinacridone Gold

Watercolour Board

You will need a board for mounting the watercolour paper. A cheap option is to get one from a hardware store. A board with some sort of coating will be desirable as it will be saturated with water. You will be provided with a desk space, however the board will need to be rested at a slight angle. If you have a foldable easel it can be rested on the desk with the board mounted at a desirable angle. But an old tissue box or stack of books would do a similar job.

Mixing palette

Plastic or Metallic mixing palette with sufficient wells for mixing large washes. I use a foldable mixing palette from Holbein. However, there are inexpensive plastic imitations that serve just as well. A white porcelain plate or butcher's tray would also be fine.

Other Extras

2B Lead Pencil or Mechanical Clutch pencil with fillable 2B Lead
Box of tissue paper
Water container
Water spray bottle - Atomiser
Masking Tape or Paper clips
Old towel or sponge to remove/control excess water
Failed or old painting so we can use their backs for rough work without wasting paper!