

Course: Autumn Plein Air in Water-Media (Outdoor)

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Days/Dates: 5 weeks , Saturdays, 9/20 - 10/18/2025

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Bartram's Garden, 5400 Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19143

<https://www.bartramsgarden.org/>

Materials List

EASEL

Portable easels (optional)

https://www.dickblick.com/products/blick-studio-aluminum-watercolor-field-easel-by-jullian/?srsltid=AfmBOoqlSglGi8AHwewluDPSsqgneaxcWleYazFEmgjriRKTA2N4r_rq

Or

https://www.dickblick.com/items/blick-studio-classic-field-easel/?clicktracking=true&wmcp=pla&wmcid=items&wmckw=51753-1030&country=us¤cy=usd&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=21400873832&gbraid=0AAAAAD_wX_HP_HBUoyk5WJoZURW-ItLgMH&gclid=CjwKCAjwkvbEBhApEiwAKUz6-15LuBdEsuJGqDkNiwG0tHWOd7klJvIOPAJuinVkJKcZPYEDaUUzCfBoCFJEQAvD_BwE

PAPER

good brands: in order of \$\$ and professional to student grade:

(1) Arches, (2) Fabriano, (3) Canson, (4) Strathmore 400 series

OPTION 1:

Good 140 pound Arches paper, 2-3 sheet 9" x 12" tape bound block, cold press

- Note - cold press means texture, texture will hold the color and also, slightly alter the value of the color....its a personal choice, but cold press is traditional

<https://www.dickblick.com/items/arches-watercolor-pad-9-x-12-140-lb-cold-press-fold-over-12-sheets/>

You won't use all 12 sheets, you can buy single sheets at a local store, but the format of the pad keeps the edges of the paper perfectly straight.

OPTION 2:

Fabriano Paper 7"x10"

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/fabriano-artistico-enhanced-watercolor-blocks/>

OPTION 3:

Canson XL Watercolor Pad - 9" x 12", Wirebound, 30 Sheets, \$13.80

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/canson-xl-watercolor-pads/>

OPTION 4:

Strathmore 400 Series Watercolor Paper Pad - 5-1/2" x 8-1/2", Tape Bound, 12 Sheets, \$3.82

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/strathmore-400-series-watercolor-paper-pads/>

The terms “hot press” and “cold press” refer to the paper’s surface finish or texture. *Cold pressed* paper has a slightly bumpy, textured surface. But *hot pressed* paper has a smooth surface finish.

BRUSHES

sable-like soft brush collection of 3 medium rounds, 3 flats, 3 filberts, 2 liners for details, one big wash brush (mop like or flat 1", 1 1/2" gesso style)

Winsor & Newton Cotman Watercolor Brush Set - Set 4, Set of 5, Short Handle is good set, \$17.28.

<https://www.dickblick.com/items/winsor-newton-cotman-watercolor-brush-set-set-4-set-of-5-short-handle/>

You can buy 3 of these to have 2 or more of the same size brushes, so you don't have to keep cleaning your brush color and save paint!

PAINT

7-14 hues of gouache, 0.5 small tubes (any brand is fine, student grade or winsor newton is a reputable brand)

- 1.TITANIUM WHITE*
- 2.CAD YELLOW*
- 3.IVORY BLACK
- 4.PAYNES GRAY*
- 5.SAP GREEN
6. PHTHALO GREEN*
- 7.CERULEAN BLUE
- 8.COBAIT BLUE (HUE IS FINE)
- 9.PRUSSIAN BLUE (OPTIONAL)
- 10.ULTRAMARINE BLUE*
- 11.NAPTHOL RED
- 12.ALIZARIN CRIMSON*
13. CADMIUM RED LIGHT*
14. BURNT SIENNA

* MEANS MINIMUM PALETTE (7 HUES)

Buy at least one red, one yellow, one blue, payne's gray, white if you'd like to buy tubes separately.

OPTION: Holbein "summer" SET

<https://www.dickblick.com/items/holbein-irodori-artist-gouache-summer-set-of-12-15-ml-tubes/>

2H-4H pencil and sharpener

white eraser or kneaded eraser small

2 plastic water containers with lid; Water carrier

view finder, hand-made or purchased

-Guerrilla Painter Composition Viewfinder

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/guerrilla-painter-composition-view-finder/>

cracker box or cereal box cardboard or bristol board, exacto knife, ruler

small sketchbook or scratch paper.

-Pro-Spiral sketchbooks

<https://www.dickblick.com/items/proart-spiral-bound-sketchbook-6-x-4-80-sheets/>

portable palette

*Note- ceramic plate or plastic paper plates are acceptable, make sure you have enough room to mix paint..... you can try plastic folding palettes with paint holdings on the edges or mix colors individually instead of all in one place.

This is a personal decision depending on what size you are comfortable working.

PALETTE OPTIONS:

1) Yasutomo Folding Watercolor Palette, one or two, \$8.66

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/yasutomo-folding-watercolor-palette/>

2) Masterson Sta-Wet Palette Seal, \$18.12

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/masterson-sta-wet-palette-seal/>

3) Blick Covered Palette, \$25.06

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/blick-covered-palette/>

4) Richeson Grey Matters Paper Palette, 9" x12", \$9.00

<https://www.dickblick.com/items/richeson-gray-matters-paper-palette-9-x-12-gray-50-sheets/>

carrying case for brushes or metal soup can

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/just-stow-it-brush-case/>

cotton rags

old t shirt, I avoid paper towels, because the paper fibers get in the painting

clear plastic ruler 12"