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Equipment & Materials List

Characterful Squirrel in Watercolour

Fri 8th January at 10am UK time

Students will need:

- Water pots
- Palette
- Drawing board plus masking tape to tape paper to board
- Kitchen roll
- Pencil and eraser

PAINTS

- Colour Selection:
  - Ultramarine blue
  - Burnt Umber
  - Burnt Sienna
  - Raw Sienna
  - Dioxine Violet or similar bright purple
  - Windsor Red or similar primary red such as Cadmium Red

A good entry level brand that is widely available is the Cotman range by Winsor & Newton. *Any brand is OK, but academy, basic, essentials or student quality are poorer quality and may hinder your progress. Nicky prefers tubes rather than pans in this freer style of watercolour and when painting on a larger scale.*

BRUSHES

- A large round or mop style brush with a good size belly and pointed tip will be used for washes and creating larger shapes. Squirrel hair is best, but a good quality imitation squirrel is also fine such as Jackson Raven or Rosemary & co Sienna Mop size 4 or 6.
- A medium pointed round natural hair brush, either squirrel or Sable., I use a variety but find Rosemary & Co ‘size 8 pure squirrel ser 42 is a good option.
- A medium pointed round synthetic brush. Any brand of reasonable quality is fine, I use Escoda Perla size 10 or 12 (Nicky buys her from Amazon).

Many other alternative brands are available. Generally, just see this as a recommendation - use what you have and work with what you already have in your kit.

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PAPER

- Rough or Not textured surface paper is required 140 1b/ 250-gram weight. 1/4 imperial or A3 size is required or larger. Nicky uses Saunders Waterford brands but any good quality brand such as Fabriano, Bauhong, Langton or Bockingford is fine. (Nicky doesn't stretch Saunders Waterford paper; she finds it stays quite flat when wet but many brands do benefit from being stretched wet and taped to a board.)
- If you would rather trace the squirrel image rather than draw it, please bring tracing paper or 'trace down' paper / carbon paper

Suggested / Preferred Suppliers

We have collated a list of our most recommended suppliers here.

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