Materials List for Watercolor Workshop with Ned Reade

I like to keep painting simple and direct. Good paints, paper, and brushes will help you to find your own painting style and help you to have fun in the process.

Paints

I recommend good quality watercolors in tubes either the 14ml size or 37ml. size. While I use the Windsor Newton brand of watercolors, Holbein, daVinci, and Grumbacher are also good.

My Palette consists of: French Ultramarine Blue

Cerulean Blue or Manganese Blue Windsor Red or Cadmium Red

Alizarin Crimson

New Gamboge Yellow

Aureolin Yellow or Naples Yellow

Raw Sienna Burnt Sienna I feel that each person has his/her own color sense and I do not want to impose my palette on someone else. Basically, my palette is two blues, two reds and two yellows (one warm and one cool).

Occasionally I reach for

Permanent Rose, Pthalo (Windsor) Blue, Pthalo

(Winsor) Green Raw Umber

Paper

I use Fabriano 140lb. Cold Press paper. I also use d'Arches 140lb. CP and occasionally enjoy mixing things up by using the same brands above in Hot Press (smooth) and 300lb. Rough. I tape my paper to a piece of fome core or a light luan wood panel.

Watercolor blocks 10x14", 12x16" and 14x20" are handy and easy to transport, too.

Brushes

I use a combination of synthetic brushes and Kolinsky sable brushes. I have #4, #8, #12 round sable brushes, a ³/₄" flat synthetic brush, a 1 1/2" flat, and a large #10 round squirrel brush. It is important to have a range of sizes. I use some for just applying water to the paper. The brands I have used are Princeton, Raphael, Windsor Newton, Isabey, and Escoda.

Other Items for Painting

A sketchbook, 2B and 4B pencils, eraser, paper towels, a container for water (like a pint deli container), a large supply of water (a plastic soda bottle with a cap will do), and an easel.

I use a half size wooden French Easel, and the metal easels with collapsible legs are fine also.

A good light weight easel can be found here https://sun-eden.com/

A sturdy plastic palette with a lid and large mixing areas is good, though I know many who paint using a smaller folding metal palette.

Other Items

Hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, stool or folding chair