



WATERCOLOUR TECHNIQUES

with Elise de Silva

A basic kit of materials to get you up and going is listed below.

Specialist art shops are the best option and will provide student discounts from 10 – 20% if you mention that you are attending a workshop or class at UXBRIDGE Arts & Culture.

The stores we recommend are:

Gordon Harris – Gillies Avenue, Newmarket.

Studio Art Supplies – Crummer Road, Grey Lynn.

The French Art Shop – Taylors Road, Morningside.

Takapuna Art Supplies – Takapuna.

Please bring to the first class

- **Watercolour paints:** cobalt blue, French ultramarine, light red, burnt sienna, alizarin crimson, yellow ochre, lemon yellow, raw umber, hookers green, neutral tint. These are the absolute basic colours. Additional colours for a well-rounded palette are permanent red, cerulean blue, sap green, Naples yellow, aureolin, turquoise green, lavender but not necessary to start.
- **Watercolour paper:** buy the best you can afford, 300gm or higher, cold pressed or rough paper. Hot pressed paper is not suitable for this class. I personally use 425gm cold pressed Saunders Waterford from The French Art Shop. A full-sized watercolour sheet will give you at least four paintings. Or you can purchase an A3 Watercolour pad. You will also need a simple sketch pad for working out compositions.
- 2B pencil
- Masking fluid & Masking Tap
- **Art board** - A piece of hard board slightly bigger than A3 size and strong enough to support your watercolour paper. I use gator board from the art shop, but mdf is also fine.
- Prop box: A 20 ~30 cm long rectangle box shape which can be used to lean the board to an angle to about 20 to 30 degrees from the table. Or a table easel.
- Watercolour palette for keeping the paints and colour mixing.
- A small box of cheap tissues
- **Watercolour Brushes:** A large mop brush, a few various medium size brushes and a few small brushes for details. A Rigger or dagger brush is also useful but not essential. Make sure you purchase watercolour brushes and not acrylic brushes.