

# Plein Air in the Park – Watercolour

## Supply List

If you are new to Plein Air, please choose the simplest setup and do not get overwhelmed by all the things you need to buy. Starting out is about being there, not what supplies you have.

### 1. Paper

- Watercolor Paper 100% cotton 140lb or 90lb (Arches, Fabriano or Winsor Newton is best) **or**
- [Mixed Media Pad](#)

### 2. Paint - *a limited palette is sufficient for plein air*

1. Ultramarine Blue
2. Cobalt Blue
3. Hansa Yellow Light (or Cad Lemon/ Cad Yellow Light)
4. Gold Ochre (or Yellow Ochre)
5. Hookers Green (or Sap Green)
6. Magenta (or Alizarin Crimson)
7. Permanent Red (or Cad Red Light)
8. Burnt Sienna
9. Neutral Tint (optional)

These can be bought separate in tubes (expensive but high quality, requires separate palette) or as a box set which comes with the palette (budget friendly, portable)

### 3. Brushes

1. An assortment of mops, flats and pointy round brushes
2. A [super large flat goat hair brush](#) is best to rewet the surface (optional)

### 4. Palette - *A watercolor palette should have deep wells for holding paint and mixing washes without mixing with other paints.*

- [Portable tin palettes](#) (classic, durable, fashionable)
- [Plastic folding palette](#) (budget friendly, long-lasting)

### 5. Drawing Supplies

1. Sketchbook or sketch paper
2. graphite pencils or mechanical one
3. eraser/sharpner/knife etc.

### 6. Pochade Boxes or Easels - *below are some options*

- [Superlite Water Kit](#) - \$299.99 (requires a tripod, versatile, easy to pack, durable)

- [Opus Salt Spring Deluxe Aluminum Easel](#) - \$141.99 (all in one, very sturdy)
  - [MEEDEN Plein Air Painting Easel](#) - \$85.45 (cheapest option, easel, top panel attachment, portable, a little flimsy, good for beginners)
7. [Three Leg Stool](#) - works best for plein air (portable and versatile)
8. **Other Supplies**
- Painter's Tape
  - Water Spray
  - Paper towels or cotton rags
  - container to hold water
  - Hat and Neutral colored sunglasses (optional)
  - Bug spray/Sunblock
  - Camera/phone/ viewfinder (optional)

You can watch [this video](#) to get an idea how this artist prepares their watercolor plein air bag.

