

The Dance of Line and Color

Virginia's Suggested Materials List

—Sketchbook or spiral-bound sketchpad suitable for wet media

At least 90lb./200gsm paper. You may want to bring several sizes: at least 5" x 8".

You can bring **watercolor blocks** as well: Cold Press surface is great for watercolor, while Hot Press works well for drawing with ink and adding color washes.

—Sketching pens with permanent (water-resistant) ink

A few different pens that give you some line variation are best (fude, calligraphy style, brush pens, etc.). If you use a fountain pen, you will need a water-resistant ink such as DeAtramentis Document Black. Waterproof Liner pens (Sakura Micron, Copic, and Faber-Castell are good waterproof brands), Dip pens, or any other waterproof drawing tools are also fine.

—Watercolors

If you are new to working with watercolor: A travel watercolor set or other portable palette of watercolors with plenty of mixing area is fine.

If you already work with a watercolor palette that you like, please bring what you have.

A good basic palette of watercolors includes a warm and cool yellow, warm and cool reds and warm and cool blues, a few "earth" colors, like Burnt Sienna or Raw Sienna, and a green if you choose. Professional-grade watercolors such as Daniel Smith, Winsor & Newton, and Schmincke have excellent pigment quality, but less expensive "student-grade" brands like Grumbacher, Cotman, and Van Gogh are fine. However, they generally have less pigment, so it takes a bit more effort to get good color strength.

—Palette

For tube watercolor paint, you'll need a folding watercolor palette with spaces for pigment and a mixing area. A rubber seal is ideal.

--Watercolor brushes

Flats and rounds in a range of sizes—You don't need many, and I recommend using the biggest brush you can:

No. 12 or 14 Round

No. 6 or 8 Round

½ inch and 1" Flat

(Some optional brushes: large angle or dagger brushes)

--Water and water containers (at least one with a good seal)

—Rags

—**Folding stool** (lightweight and easy to carry!) If you like using a **portable easel**, please bring that!

—Optional materials

Other color tools such as water-soluble colored pencils or crayons, and white gouache