

Valorie's DIY Traveling/Backpacker Essentials

Suggestions for the class:

Wear clothing that can get stained, good walking shoes, and a backpack or other carrying case since we will be walking to a location.

I will bring watercolor tubes of paints, some 300 lb. Paper and some brushes to experiment with, some wax paper, but my supplies are limited and will be shared, so if you are inclined to buy or have the semi-optional materials, please bring them.

Note, generally, the better grade the materials, the more likely you will be happy with your efforts, but here is a kit for a beginner that's light for a backpack and easy on the wallet. The asterisk means you can spend more if you like.

YOU SHOULD BRING:

- A smart phone or digital camera to capture your scene
- Two 1-gallon plastic bags ziplock bags to stash your stuff in
- Two (or more) 1-quart size ziplock bags
- One or two foam meat/vegetable tray, cleaned up (we will line them with wax paper) (or buy a mixing tray*) or use empty altoids tins with plastic water bottle caps glued in
- A black drawing pen—two if you can, one fat bib and one thin bib and/or a black watercolor pencil
- A soft pencil and separate eraser
- Small plastic water bottles (one empty to carry out dirty water and one with clean water)
- 2 packs of travel tissues and some old soft rags
- Dixie cups or little salsa cups
- A swiss army knife or pencil sharpener
- Old poncho or towel to sit on and spill on
- Makeup sponges, or other soft sponges
- A straight edge
- I will be bringing painters tape, but if you have some bring it.

SEMI OPTIONAL

- *1 watercolor sketch book, nothing bigger than 7x10 to fit in one of the gallon bags (or has spiral cover) try for 140 lb. Cold press* or blank post cards or note cards on watercolor paper
- 3 brushes -- size 10 or 12 round, size 6 or smaller round and size 1/2 in. Flat*
- Several watercolor pencils or crayons or tubes or half-pans: the colors that I use for autumn are a yellow (towards orange or brown) such as raw sienna or new gamboge, two reds alizarin crimson) and a red orange, hookers green, two browns (usually burnt sienna, burnt umber) two blues --a light blue (cerulean), dark blue (cobalt or ultramarine), I have also used a purple (for shadows) or indigo.

There are several travel watercolor sets and too many options to count... Google Amazon, or cheapjoe.com Great places in Santa Rosa to get art supplies: Riley Street, Montgomery Village, Aaron Brother's, or Michael's.