

Materials Needed For the 'Six Weeks of Colour' Course

For your seascape painting you will need –

- A canvas

Not too big if you haven't done much painting recently – getting a larger canvas can make it more daunting when you actually come to start painting. I'll be using a rectangular canvas for this painting, probably around 70cm x 60cm.

- Oil or acrylic paints

I'll use oil paint throughout the course, but if you're concerned about the cost, the smell or the chance of getting oil paint on your clothes or spread around your home please feel free to use acrylics. The colours may not be quite as vivid as oils, but should still look good.

The colours you will need for this painting are –

Titanium or Zinc White
Prussian Blue
Burnt Umber or Brown
Orange
Viridian Green
Lime Green
Cadmium Yellow
Light or Sky Blue
Ocre Brown or Burnt Sienna
Grey
Magenta
Violet
Dark Blue

- A solvent based varnish if you are using oil paint

One of the down sides to using oils is drying time. It can take weeks for oil paint to fully dry, so I mix my paint with a little varnish (it must be solvent based for oil paints) which helps speed up drying.

- Turpentine or white spirit for cleaning your brushes (again, if you are using oil paint)

The only way to clean your brushes if you use oil paint is with turps or white spirit. A little in the bottom of a jam jar or glass will help keep your brushes clean and prevent them from going hard when the paint dries.



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If you are using acrylic paint, you can simply wash your brushes in warm water when you're finished for the day.

- Brushes

You should only need three brushes for this painting –

A size 18 'Graduate' flat headed brush



A small, flat headed brush and a small brush for detailed work (and signing!)



- A palette knife (it can be plastic if you prefer!)



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For your winter wonderland sketch book you'll need -

- A sketch book or scrap book

It doesn't have to be too big, so long as you can draw and write in it, and keep magazine cuttings in it too.

- Drawing pencils or pens

They don't need to be too expensive, and can be coloured or plain – its up to you.

- Watercolour paints

Again, this doesn't need to be expensive. Try to get a watercolour set with a wide variety of colours.

