

Watercolour Painting Outdoors Basic Equipment Checklist

Keep your equipment minimal Weight is a big factor

- Medium size backpack with multiple sections and pockets.
- Small sketchbook or loose watercolour papers or both, but remember the weight. Taking too much will be heavy. Use 200gsm-300gsm 100% cotton as it shouldn't buckle.
- A few bulldog clips for holding your palette to your sketchbook
- Watercolour half pan palette set, pans are easier than tubes when you are outdoors, hopefully with an inbuilt palette.
- Lightweight plastic water pots and spray bottle. Great for keeping paint pans moist.
- Water bottle, 500ml, not too big! Think about the weight. Water brushes filled with water are great for outdoor painting.
- Graphite, and mechanical pencil, eraser.
- Brushes, flat, round, mop and wash.
- A small sponge, some wax crayons for texture. Paper tissue for mopping up.
- Small camping chair or stool or blow up cushion to sit on.
- Waterproof clothes.
- Lightweight umbrella.
- Camera or phone camera to capture your vista.
- View finder to help you focus on your vista.

Health and Safety

- Charge your phone if you are going out alone. Take a buddy if you can.
- Take drinking water.
- Pack some snacks and lunch.
- Map of the area, if you on unfamiliar territory.
- Bug repellent.
- A strong factor 50 sun screen if you are going to be out all day.
- Don't skip breakfast, it might be a long day.
- Large sun hat.
- Rubbish bag for your paper towels and packaging.
- Take a small first aid kit, blister plasters, paracetamol, sterile wipes, safety pins etc
- Smile & enjoy the day!

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