

Painting With Gouache

Materials:

Paints:

I use Royal Talens Gouache, there are sets of 8 available that are great to start with.

In addition to the colors included in those sets I also sometimes use

- 1.) Naples Yellow
- 2.) Turquoise Green
- 3.) Lilac
- 4.) Deep yellow
- 5.) I recommend having an extra tube of white available.

The 8 tube set includes

- 1.) White
- 2.) Lemon yellow
- 3.) Yellow
- 4.) Ultramarine deep
- 4.) Light blue cyan
- 6.) Black intenso
- 7.) Vermillion
- 8.) Permanent rose magenta

Brushes:

The size of brushes depends somewhat on the size of paper you plan to use.

I paint gouache with watercolor brushes

I typically use a round #8

A Black Velvet oval brush 3/4"

1 or 2 small rounds such as a # 1,2 or 0

You may also like to use 1/2" flat

*If you only want to use 1 brush, you can paint most anything with just a #8 round

If you plan to work on a 22" x 30" full wc sheet you may want to also use a 1" flat watercolor brush

Paper:

I use cotton rag watercolor paper, 140lb or 300gsm and 90lb or 185gsm cold press is great. Rembrandt makes a nice paper block that is a combination of hot press and cold press that is very nice to work on as it's slightly smoother than traditional cold press paper.

I work in a variety of sizes from 6" x 8" up to 22" x 30" . The demonstrations for this class will be on 9" x 12"

You don't need particularly thick paper as it's less likely to buckle because with gouache you use less water than with watercolor.

You'll also need:

Some paper towels

A cup for water

A #2 pencil or lead holder

A white plastic eraser