

## **Birgit O'Connor Material List**

I'm looking forward to be painting with you soon.

Brushes I like are available in class or online [www.birgitoconnor.com](http://www.birgitoconnor.com)

- # 30 round Natural brush
- # 8, # 14, # 20 round Sable/Synthetic blend brush
- # 3 round Synthetic brush
- 2 " Bamboo Hake brush, mop or other wash brush
- ½ sheet 300 lb. cold press Arches watercolor paper (per day – we may use less)
- 1 sheet 140 lb. cold press Arches watercolor paper (for practice)
- Large 1-gallon plastic wash bucket (or large Tupperware container)
- # 2 office pencil or # B art pencil
- Palette - covered plastic pallet with shallow wells (I like Richeson pallets)
- Paper towels
- Old terry cloth
- Notebook
- Pencil (2HB is fine)
- Pebeo Drawing gum or other masking fluid
- Kneaded eraser
- Mr. Clean Eraser -optional- (available in the cleaning section of the grocery store)
- Small spray bottle
- Transfer or graphite paper (may or may not be used)
- Tracing paper (may or may not be used)

### **Transparent watercolor**

- French Ultramarine Blue (Winsor & Newton)
- Cobalt Blue
- Indigo (Winsor & Newton)
- Burnt Sienna (Winsor & Newton)
- Perm. Alizarin Crimson (Winsor & Newton)
- Winsor Violet Dioxazine (or \*Daniel Smith Carbozole Violet)
- Quinacridone Magenta (Winsor & Newton)
- Perm. Rose
- Perm. Sap Green
- Indian Yellow
- Hansa Yellow Medium (\* Daniel Smith color)

- Transparent Yellow (optional)
- Quinacridone Gold

- **About color:** whenever possible use professional quality transparent watercolors they have a higher pigment load, less filler and are ground finer giving you the best results.

**Beginners:** To keep the cost down student sets are fine try to use tubes not pans. Do not expect the same results with student sets as with the professional colors.

**Important:** I like use Winsor & Newton for these colors, French Ultramarine Blue, Indigo, Burnt Sienna, Perm. Alizarin Crimson, Quinacridone Magenta for specific blends.

**Paper:** try to use Arches 22x30 watercolor paper and tear it down to size, pad paper reacts differently and student brands will not give you the results you want.

**Brushes:** before investing into expensive brushes, or ones that don't work as well consider the ones I use. These are available in my workshops and on my website <http://shop.birgitoconnor.com/t/brushes>

**Hake Brush:** these have a tendency to loose hair easily, and easy fix is to squirt a little “Super glue liquid” along the edge of the handle and work it in.

Bamboo Hake Brush fix how to stop loosing hair [iframe width="420" height="315" src="https://www.youtube.com/embed/Ba5TzpyoEh0" frameborder="0" allowfullscreen></iframe>](https://www.youtube.com/embed/Ba5TzpyoEh0)

### **Class Etiquette**

Make sure you are there for the demos they will not be redone to suit an individuals schedule (this takes away from other students).

- Photos MAY be allowed “at times” under Birgit’s instruction along with group photos.
- No photos or video of demonstrations or of artwork.
- You can use an iPad to help remember lessons.
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- For workshops and online courses replicate and learn from the step-by-step lessons.
- These lessons are intended as tools and not to be resold, you can frame and hang them on your own wall or give them to a friend or family member.
- Do not try to put them in competitions or gallery shows since the original concept is NOT your own it will be rejected and can affect your reputation.
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