Basic Watercolor supply list

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Pallet with lid and mixing tray
1 sheet of 140lb Arches rough watercolor paper
Large water container
Drawing pencils: 2H and HB, kneaded eraser
Paper towels
Masking tape
Board to mount watercolor paper...gator board, foam board, or Masonite
Paper to sketch on
Graphite paper to transfer drawing (I use x-press It Transfer Paper -graphite)
Inexpensive pad of watercolor paper (Strathmore or Masters Touch)

Paints: you may use whatever you have. For a beginner that is not sure about watercolor, you can purchase a small student grade paint. Masters Touch or Reeves 8pk tube watercolors are available at Hobby Lobby.

If you know you want to pursue watercolor, I recommend professional grade tube watercolors. Da Vinci, Daniel Smith, American Journey, Winsor Newton, etc....These are the ones I use most often...

- New Gamboge
- Aureolin
- Yellow Ochre
- Burnt Umber
- Permanent Alizarin Crimson
- Ultramarine Blue
- Phthalo Green

Quin Gold
Burnt Sienna
Sap Green (Da Vinci brand)
Cobalt Blue
Phthalo Blue
Permanent Rose

Brushes: any watercolor brushes you have will do. I mostly use #1 liner, 12” round, flat wash brush 1” or 1 ½”, various flat brushes for lifting.

Happy painting!