**Water Colours**

**Key Skills** [](http://www.google.com/url?url=http://flickriver.com/photos/45270673@N05/5994488711/&rct=j&frm=1&q=&esrc=s&sa=U&ei=rvzmVKHJOcm0acf3gLAH&ved=0CDQQ9QEwDg&usg=AFQjCNEPAAwViyVQnEt88KFGey8ROTDUMQ)

* Use 2 small pots of water, one to clean brush and one to pour small amounts of water into palette.
* Mix colours in palette, not tablets (paint).
* Always start with background with lighter tones.
* Use appropriate brush for the job.
* Always pull, never push, a brush. The quicker the better. Use one direction unless you want chaotic brush marks.
* Always hold a brush approximately 90 degrees with page, never press hard.
* For detail, use less water and more paint, with small brush (2, 4, or 0).
* Use black with caution, if at all.
* Leave white space.
* Water colours should look watery.

**Cleaning Up** 

* Pour water from palette back into pots.
* Wipe palette clean with paper towel.
* Tablets should be spotless but if not, wipe with towel.
* Pour and wash out pots and stack them.
* Clean brushes thoroughly but don’t use soap.
* Return equipment to rightful place.
* Put brushes in correct size place.