

Community Education –Fall Quarter 2026



Course Title: Watercolor for Beginners: Making Watercolor Postcards

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Course Details

- Session: September 24, October 1, 8, 15
 - Theme: Making watercolor cards 4x6
 - Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm
 - Room 316, Columbia Tech Center Campus, 18700 SE Mill Plain Blvd.
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Course Description

We will divide a 9x12 watercolor sheet into 4 sections each the approximate size of a postcard. We will do some drawing and some tracing to create small vignettes (a small visual image) on each card. You will be guided with step-by-step instructions. We will create 4 cards per class session.

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Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will:

- Discussions and demonstrations will acquaint beginners with basic watercolor painting materials and techniques. A variety of approaches will be explored, and students will be encouraged to practice these techniques while making and taking home a finished art project each week.
 - identify 140lb watercolor
 - Demonstrate the use of pan watercolors
 - Use Washi tape or painters tape ½ in or ¼ in tapes
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Supplies:

small size watercolor brushes #1-5
Washi tape or ¼ inch painters tape
Set of pan watercolors

Recommended:

Paints: Any of these are good

[Winsor & Newton Cotman Watercolor Paint Set, Studio Set, 24 Half Pans -Amazon \\$35](#)

[Daler Rowney Half Pan Travel Set, 25 Piece, Assorted Colors](#)

[MeiLiang Watercolor Paint Set, 36 Vivid Colors in Pocket Box with Metal Ring and Watercolor Brush, Perfect for Students, Beginners and More](#)

Brushes

[12 PCS Round Paint Brushes Set, 7-9\\$](#)

Paper

[Strathmore 300 Series Watercolor Paper Pad, 9x12 inches, 24 Sheets \(140lb/300g\) \\$7](#)

Other

B Pencil and Erasers

Course Schedule

Thursdays. - 9/24, 10/1, 10/8 & 10/15.

Week 1:

- Snow trees
- Cake
- Bamboo
- Van Gogh trees

Week 3:

- Pot of lavender
- Books
- Beach
- Christmas

Week 2:

- Pumpkin
- Tote
- Dragon fly
- Sunflower

Week 4:

- Poppies
- Coffee cup
- Mailbox
- Birch trees

Resources

Recommended references for further study: Samples will be shown in class

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 - Phone: 360-992-2939
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