**Material List:**

(You can buy based on your budget as we go along in the year).

\* Set of brushes good for water-based media Acrylic/Watercolors (a few small flat and round along with medium flat and round, and several foam brushes. Buy one large mop and a fan brush too).

\* Set of acrylic paint (choose at least 6 colors, a good range and selection, as well as a few bright flourescents, neutrals, along with black and white). [Golden acrylics](http://www.dickblick.com/products/golden-heavy-body-artist-acrylics/) will work well, but its not necessary if on a budget. [Holbien heavy body acrylics](https://www.dickblick.com/products/holbein-heavy-body-artist-acrylics/)are pretty lush and good for layering and opacity. I  also like the [Americana DecoColor acrylics](https://www.dickblick.com/products/decoart-americana-acrylic-paints/) and DickBlick [matte acrylics](http://www.dickblick.com/products/blick-matte-acrylics/) (affordable, nice color choices).

\*[Acrylic ink](https://www.dickblick.com/search/?q=acrylic%20ink) (2-4 of your favorite colors). Liquitex or FW brand is great.

\* A package of [Posca paint pens](https://www.amazon.com/Uni-posca-Paint-Marker-Pen-PC-1M12C/dp/B001VB4T86/ref%3Dsr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1479839276&sr=8-1&keywords=Posca+paint+pens) (my favorite, fine or medium point, I love them all, I  especially love their new 'natural' colors like tangerine and pale blue). Do not buy the regular markers or oil-based ones. I also like this [metallic set](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B007PMO9TE/ref%3Dpd_luc_rh_sim_02_01_t_img_lh?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1).

\* A small variety of decorative papers and images, like ones [found here](http://www.dickblick.com/products/the-nepalese-collection-lokta-paper-packs/), I also love Origami paper!

\*Some [Caran d'Ache Neocolor II Artist Crayons](http://www.dickblick.com/products/caran-dache-neocolor-ii-artists-crayons/). Again, I like black and white along with some of my favorite colors.

* Three or more [Aquabords](http://www.dickblick.com/products/ampersand-aquabord/) (any size that you would like – if you don’t have Aquabords in your country you can use wood panel, watercolor board, thick watercolor paper, [Gessobord](http://www.dickblick.com/products/ampersand-gessobord/), etc). Several [Fredrix watercolor canvas](https://www.dickblick.com/products/fredrix-archival-stretched-watercolor-cotton-canvas/) or canvas board (16 x 20 or larger is a good size). 2- 3 large watercolor sheets Cold Press like Arches brand (size 16 x 22 to 22 x 30 inches). Canvas is fine too but it just works a little different with the ink. Try getting a linen canvas or smoother board if possible. Canvas is definitely more economical.
* NOTE: You may want to get a few more surfaces if you plan on doing a lot of painting. If you like to do a series at the end, buy same surfaces similar in size. If you are on a budget, start out with cold press 300 gsm watercolor paper. Arches is the best quality.

\* A watercolor paper pad or mixed media journal (can take watercolors and acrylics). This will be mostly for sketching and warm ups. It is optional if you already have something you like to sketch in.

\* [Liquitex Gloss Medium and Varnish](http://www.dickblick.com/products/liquitex-gloss-and-matte-mediums/). Or just a matte or gloss medium for collage work. Remember that gloss is shiny and matte is not.

* Art pencil/white or Pink Pearl eraser.

Optional:

\* [Gold leaf kit](http://www.dickblick.com/products/mona-lisa-composition-gold-leaf-kit/). (or Bronze or Silver if you prefer).

\*A few stencils of your liking (Amazon.com has a variety).

\* A spray water bottle.