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Introduction to Watercolor Painting

Winter Watercolor Series

Watercolor Basics

- Materials
 - Watercolor Paints
 - Paintbrush (with soft bristles)
 - Watercolor Paper
 - Water Cup
 - Paper Towel
 - o Pencil
 - o Lesson 2: White Crayon
 - Lesson 3: Salt

Set-up

- o Fill your water cup with clean water
- Have a paper towel nearby
- Pre-soak your watercolors by dabbing clean water onto each paint color with your paintbrush
- Find the front side of your watercolor paper
- Using a paintbrush
 - Always pull the brush (never push)
 - Store the paintbrush flat or with the bristles pointing up
- Cleaning up
 - Rinse out the paintbrush (dab it on the paper towel to make sure it does not have paint remaining on it)
 - Let the watercolor paints air dry (or gently blot them with a paper towel)
 - Wipe down your table with a clean rag

