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Watercolor practice sheet

Six warm-ups and a mixing chart. Print on 90 to 110 lb cardstock and paint on it, or use it as a guide and copy the boxes onto 140 lb watercolor paper.

Six warm-up exercises

Flat wash
Even color, no stripes. Teaches water control.

Graded wash
Dark to light in one pass. Teaches dilution.

Wet-on-wet
Drop color into clean water. Teaches timing.

Wet-on-dry
Crisp edges on dry paper. Teaches control.

Lifting
Lift paint with a damp brush or tissue. Teaches fixing.

Layering
Glaze a second layer once dry. Teaches patience.

Mixing chart

Write your six colors along the top and down the side in the same order. Where a row meets a column, paint the two mixed; the diagonal squares are the pure colors.

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						