Which Hobby

Watercolor starter checklist

Everything to start watercolor on one page. Tick it off as you go.

Shopping list

☐ Watercolor paper pad, 140 lb (300 gsm), 9 x 12 in	**$14 to $17**
☐ Student pan set, about 12 colors	**$25 to $35**
☐ Round synthetic brush, size 6	**$5 to $9**
☐ Round synthetic brush, size 10	**$7 to $11**
☐ Masking tape	**$3 to $8**
☐ Board to tape paper to, two water jars, a white plate as palette, paper towels	**from home**
Starter total	**about $55 to $80**

First project: a small card

1. Paint a swatch chart of every color you own.
2. Practice wet-on-wet with a soft sky gradient.
3. Paint five leaves, one brush stroke each.
4. Combine them into a card.

Done in about 1 evening.

Skip for now

- Masking fluid, salt, granulation medium and other effects.
- Big brush sets.
- Tube sets with 24 or more colors.

Your first week

☐ **Session 1, 30 minutes:** Tape a sheet to a board on all four sides and paint flat and graded washes until they dry without stripes.

☐ **Session 2, 45 minutes:** Compare wet-on-wet and wet-on-dry, then paint a small mixing chart with your six most used colors.

☐ **Session 3, about 1 hour:** Paint your first card: a few loose leaves or a simple sky, following the steps above.