

Zara's Watercolour Flashcards

Learning objective: To understand the basic tools and techniques used when painting with watercolours.

Read the front of each card. Try to guess the answer before looking at the back. Use the word bank to help you.

What do we call the coloured powder that gives paint its colour?	What do you use to hold and mix your different paint colours?
Pigment	Palette
What does 'transparent' mean in watercolour painting?	What is a 'wash'?
You can see through the paint to the paper underneath.	A thin, watery layer of paint spread over a large area.
Why do we use a thick type of paper for watercolours?	What is 'blending'?
So the paper does not get too soggy or tear when wet.	Mixing two colours together while they are still wet on the paper.
What do you dip your brush in to clean it between colours?	What happens if you add more water to your paint?
Fresh water	The colour becomes lighter and more transparent.
What should you do before you start painting?	True or False: You can paint light colours over dark colours easily.
Protect your table and have your water pot ready.	False. It is easier to paint dark colours over light ones.
What is the best way to keep your brush tip pointed?	What is a dry brush technique?
Rinse it gently and reshape the bristles with your fingers.	Painting with very little water to make a rough or textured effect.