

# An ARTful Hour

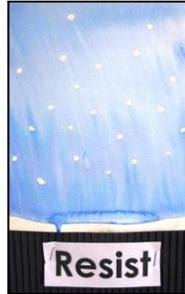
## Introduction to Watercolour!

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### 1. Some watercolour techniques

Materials:

Prang watercolour sets  
Paintbrushes (from Prang sets)  
Water/containers (1 per student)  
Watercolour paper (cut to 3"x4")  
Masking tape  
White wax crayons  
Salt  
Plastic wrap



### 2. Use technique(s) to try a background (for a landscape OR an underwater scene)

Materials:

Prang watercolour sets  
Paintbrushes (from Prang sets)  
Water/containers (1 per student)  
Watercolour paper (8"x10")  
Masking tape  
White wax crayons  
Salt  
Plastic wrap  
(optional for Sharpie waterproof markers; Masonite boards as portable 'work space')

### 3. Non-Objective Design & Colour Mixing Inspired by...

Materials:

Prang watercolour sets  
Paintbrushes (from Prang sets)  
Water/containers (1 per student)  
Cardstock (8.5"x11") OR watercolour paper

*Wassily Kandinsky; 1866-1944*  
*"Farbstudie Quadrate" (1913)*



### 4. Continue with your Landscape OR Underwater Scene

Materials:

Prang watercolour sets  
Paintbrushes (from Prang sets)  
Water/containers (1 per student)  
Watercolour paper (8"x10")  
Masking tape  
White wax crayons  
Salt  
Plastic wrap  
(optional for Sharpie waterproof markers)

# Watercolour Supplies Used Today...

- **Prang Oval Pan Watercolours (watercolour paint brushes included!)**  
*Sourced at: Aboveground Art Supplies ([www.abovegroundartsupplies.ca](http://www.abovegroundartsupplies.ca) or 1-800-591-1615)*  
*\$3.99 each (refillable style, strong colour quality)*
  - ✓ **NOW IN SCHOOLS = 25 Prang Watercolour Sets with watercolour brushes in each elementary school!**

**NOTE: RECOMMEND STORING WATERCOLOUR BRUSHES IN A SEPARATE, CLEARLY-LABELLED CONTAINER FOR USE WITH THE WATERCOLOUR PAINT ONLY.**

TIP: Top/lid and Bottom/paint can be separated at the hinges and stored separately so you have watercolour paint AND small palettes for mixing. This also prevents unwanted spillage/mixing when, if still attached, lids full of paint are ‘closed’ onto the paint portion of the set.

- **Prang Watercolour Refills**  
*Sourced at: Aboveground Art Supplies ([www.abovegroundartsupplies.ca](http://www.abovegroundartsupplies.ca) or 1-800-591-1615)*  
*\$4.65 for box of 12*

Tip: Since little pigment/paint is required for watercolour, do not use the refills until the paint is ALL GONE! Even when the little oval is only ¼ full, there is still paint to be used and it would be wasteful to replace before exhausting the supply! Students will require reassurance that there is enough paint to work with, AND that you WILL replace it when they find they do run out and need more.)

- **Canson brand “Biggie” watercolour paper; 18”x24”, 100 lb, 100 sheets**  
*Sourced at: Aboveground Art Supplies ([www.abovegroundartsupplies.ca](http://www.abovegroundartsupplies.ca) or 1-800-591-1615)*  
*\$38.99 per package*

- ✓ **NOW IN SCHOOLS = package of 24”x18” Canson brand watercolour paper**

**NOTE: RECOMMEND CUTTING DOWN TO SMALLER SIZES, SUCH AS 8”X10”, etc.**

Tip: “Michael’s” sells watercolour in ‘pad’ format, approx. 9”x12); approx. \$4.00 for 10-12 sheets.

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## Some Watercolour Lessons/Resources:

- **SRA Art Connections Teacher Editions**
- **Art & Illustration for the Classroom: A Guide for Teachers & Parents** by Rhian Brynjolson

