



tension effect. Major advantage: once the work is completed, there's no need to unfasten the paper.

## Aquarelle - choisir ses accessoires - L'éponge

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### 3. Sponge: make sure it's natural!

It is mostly used to wet your paper before painting, to dilute color, and to erase when necessary.

Go for soft, porous, natural sponges that won't damage your paper and can hold a lot of water.

### 4. Additives: seeking transparency

To add light and matter to your colors and more easily create white spaces.

- **Alcohol** is added to water to make the paint dry faster. Use pure, 96°P alcohol.
- **Small drops of gum arabic**, which comes as a solution, can be added to water to improve color retention and give it a denser appearance, with greater shine and transparency.
- **Drawing gum**: comes in liquid form and is applied with an old brush.

## See also

### Selecting your watercolor paper

Choisir son papier aquarelle

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Grammage, épaisseur, grain? Le choix du papier, une question de feeling ? Pas vraiment. Quelques conseils !

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**Watercolor: 4 Sided Glue Pads**

## Le bloc aquarelle collé 4 côtés

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Designed for use in all situations, the 4-sided glue pad allows you to use all types of wet techniques without pre-treating the paper: It is the perfect companion for nomadic artists.

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