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TIP: A good rule of thumb is the more watery you paint, the higher the density paper you need. Another thing to think about when choosing your paper is its texture. Both smooth and textured surfaces have their advantages, depending on your approach and/or the look youâ€™re going for. To get the best of both worlds, we recommend the Arteza Expert Watercolor Pads, 9x12â€, 32 sheets - set of 2. Each page gives you a choice of a smooth side and a textured side. It comes in a convenient glue-bound pad to keep your art work together and protected from wear and tear. At 140lb. (300gsm), itâ€™s ideal for projects that use watercolor pencils. So how do you apply water once youâ€™ve drawn with the watercolor pencil? The best tool for this is the water brush. This brush has a barrel that can be filled with water to moisten marks to create blurred, smooth, transitional, and thin clear-cut lines. You use it the same way you use a traditional paintbrush. The Arteza Water Brush Pens - Set of 6 come with both fine-tips and broad-tip to produce a variety of stroke sizes. An eraser is a handy tool to have, but not necessarily for getting rid of a line. Erasers can also be used to lighten areas by lifting small amounts of color. If you do need to erase a line while drawing, try not to bear down too hard on the eraser or you might damage the paper. Consider using the Arteza Eraser Pencil Kit, which has an eraser on one end and a handy brush on the other to whisk away erasures without affecting your artwork. This kit also comes

with a sharpener to preserve the tips of both your eraser and pencils.

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