



## QUICK START GUIDE Lesson Guide

### Lesson 1. Sketch Your Painting

1. Position your paper
2. Draw the horizon line
3. Draw the structures and clothesline
4. Draw the clouds
5. Draw the trees
6. Draw in the details

### Lesson 2. Painting the Sky and Foreground

1. Paint water in the clouds
2. Paint blue around the clouds
3. Paint the foreground
4. Add grassy shapes to the foreground

### Lesson 3. Painting Trees, Roofs, and Shadows

1. Paint the trees on the left and in front
2. Paint trees on the right

3. Paint the roof of the barn and shed
4. Paint the house roof
5. Paint the shadows on the sides of the houses and silo

### Lesson 4. Details, Details, Details

1. Paint the sides of the barn
2. Paint doors and windows
3. Paint the shadows under the roof
4. Add detail to barn and silo
5. Add branches to trees
6. Add grass details
7. Erase pencil lines
8. Sign your painting

### What can you do with your painting?

1. Frame it and create your own art collection!
2. Make prints, mat them, and give them away as gifts!
3. Make card size prints and send them to family and friends!
4. Display it in an art show!

## Brush Storage and Care Tips

- While brushes are not made to last forever, good care can help significantly to extend their lifetime.
- Brushes should always be stored flat and should never be stored with the brush part down because that would misshape the brush hairs.
- To clean brushes, dip and swirl them in water and get all the paint off and wipe off the excess and reshape the head with a paper towel. Allow the brush to dry.
- Do not store brushes in cramped quarters; bending hairs out of shape.
- Try not to soak handles. Dry handles after every cleaning.
- Clean immediately after painting.
- Do not let any paint sit or dry in the hairs.
- Course scrubbing can permanently damage the hairs and force paint into the ferrule.

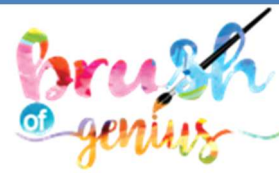
## ABOUT US :

Say Yes to Art, and the company behind it, Brush of Genius, was founded by Becky Wood Anderson in 2010 after she spent over 10 years volunteering as “art parent” in her four daughter’s elementary school classes, teaching hundreds of students how to paint watercolors. Her students not only created masterpieces; they also grew cognitively, socially and emotionally in the process. When her daughters left elementary school, Becky took her program to the local YMCA, teaching community art classes, and she soon realized that her unique teaching method worked for all ages and could transform any “stick figure artist” into a true artist. Located in beautiful Boise, Idaho, Brush of Genius offers simple, fun, and effective watercolor instruction to adults and children of all ages over 7 and is used in homes, daycares, schools, senior homes, YMCA’s and family and group settings all over the country. Visit our website to become part of our art community and find out more about classes and supplies. Welcome to this great adventure!



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set out  
supplies

Step 2:  
insert DVD

Step 3:  
push play  
and paint

*“Life is a canvas - make yours a masterpiece!”*

*Becky Anderson, Founder, Brush of Genius*

