



QUICK START GUIDE

Lesson Guide

Lesson 1. Sketch Your Painting

1. Draw the horizon line (make sure paper is vertical and rough side up).
2. Draw the Mountain.
3. Draw the river.
4. Draw all of the ponderosa pine trees.
5. Draw the foreground branches.

Lesson 2. Painting the Sky, River, and Mountain

1. Paint the sky
2. Paint the river. LEAVE LOTS OF WHITE SPACE
3. Paint the Mountain

Lesson 3. Paint the Meadow and Forest

1. Paint the first layer of the meadow. Use round brush and fan brush.
Lay down additional washes on the meadow – use liner brush.

2. Paint the forest.
3. Paint the grass in the meadow and paint the trees in the meadow.

Lesson 4. Paint Foreground Foliage and Details

1. Paint the foliage layers in three parts (3 layers). Add details.
2. Paint the Ponderosa trees.
3. Paint the foreground branches.
4. Add finishing details.
5. Sign your painting!

What can you do with your painting?

6. Frame it and create your own art collection!
7. Make prints, mat them, and give them away as gifts!
8. Make card size prints and send them to family and friends!
9. 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.

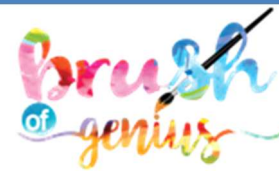
ABOUT US :

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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Creating a Painting with

Say Yes to Art is as Easy as 1, 2, 3!



Step 1:
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

