



## QUICK START GUIDE Lesson Guide

### Lesson 1. Sketch Your Painting

1. Make sure paper is horizontal and rough side up.
2. Draw the mountain line.
3. Draw the smaller mountain and separating mountain lines.
4. Draw the field line.
5. Draw the rockslide.
6. Draw the blue triangle.
7. Draw the tree bands.
8. Draw 5 to 7 structures.
9. Make adjustments to your sketch as necessary.

### Lesson 2. Painting the First Layer of Everything

1. Paint the sky.
2. Paint field
3. Paint upper mountains with shadows leaving white edge.
4. Paint the mountain on the right.
5. Paint the pink rock formation.

6. Paint the middle mountain.
7. Paint the tree band on the right and left.
8. Paint the snowfield.
9. Paint the trees around the structures. Carve out the structures..

### Lesson 3. Paint the Final Layers, Structures and Add Detail

1. Paint the structures (leave roofs white).
2. Paint the second layer of trees around the structures.
3. Paint the second layer of trees on the right then the left.
4. Add fence line.
5. Paint shadows on houses, chimneys, and doors
6. Paint little trees on the hillside.
7. Add more detail if necessary.
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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*“Life is a canvas - make yours a masterpiece!”*

*Becky Anderson, Founder, Brush of Genius*

