



## QUICK START GUIDE

### Lesson Guide

#### Lesson 1. Sketch Your Painting, Apply Masking Fluid

1. Draw the top mountain ridge line (make sure paper is horizontal and rough side up). Draw mountains to the right.
2. Draw the blue mountain off the center of the page.
3. Draw the second mountain line on the left.
4. Draw the third mountain line on the left.
5. Draw the edge of the field line and the little hill on the right.
6. Draw the clouds.
7. Draw the Aspen trees.
8. Draw the pine trees and tree line for autumn trees.
9. Apply masking fluid (using a little paintbrush)

#### Lesson 2. Paint the Sky, Field, and Mountains

1. Paint the sky.
2. Paint the first layer of the field.
3. Add layers to the field
4. Paint the Purple Mountain

5. Paint left lower ridge
6. Paint the blue mountain and right upper ridge
7. Paint the left middle ridge and right pink hill

#### Lesson 3. Paint Autumn Trees, Foreground Details, Pine Trees

1. Paint background foliage
2. Paint the Pine Trees
3. Add detail to the trees and grass
4. Remove dried masking fluid

#### Lesson 4. Paint Shadows on Aspen Trees, Add Details

1. Paint shadows on Aspen trees
2. Paint branches on trees.
3. Paint little dark spots on trees.
4. Paint yellow leaves.
5. Add final details
6. Sign it!

#### What can you do with your Painting?

7. Frame it and create your own art collection!
8. Make prints, mat them, and give them away as gifts!
9. Make card size prints and send them to family and friends!
10. 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*

