



## QUICK START GUIDE Lesson Guide

### Lesson 1. Sketch Your Painting and Apply Masking fluid

1. Make sure paper is vertical and rough side up.
2. Draw the horizon line.
3. Draw the aspen Trees.
4. Draw the yellow pine tree line.
5. Draw the pine trees lines in front (3).
6. Draw the red bird.
7. Apply masking liquid (using little paint brush in pallet) on trees and to make snow.

### Lesson 2. Painting the Sky and Trees

1. Paint the yellow and pink in the sky.
2. Paint the trees in back.
3. Paint the pine trees. LEAVE LOTS OF NEGATIVE SPACE BETWEEN BRANCHES.

### Lesson 3. Remove Liquid Masking and add Details

1. Remove dried masking fluid with rubber cement eraser.
2. Add branches to trees.
3. Add brown shadows to trees. ALL ON RIGHT SIDE
4. Add detail to trunks.
5. Add grasses - PERSPECTIVE
6. Paint the bird.
7. Paint the shadows on the snow. MAKE SHADOWS GENERALLY GO UPHILL.
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 out 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.

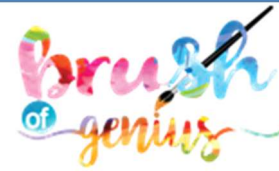
## ABOUT US :

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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supplies

Step 2:  
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push play  
and paint

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

*Becky Anderson, Founder, Brush of Genius*

