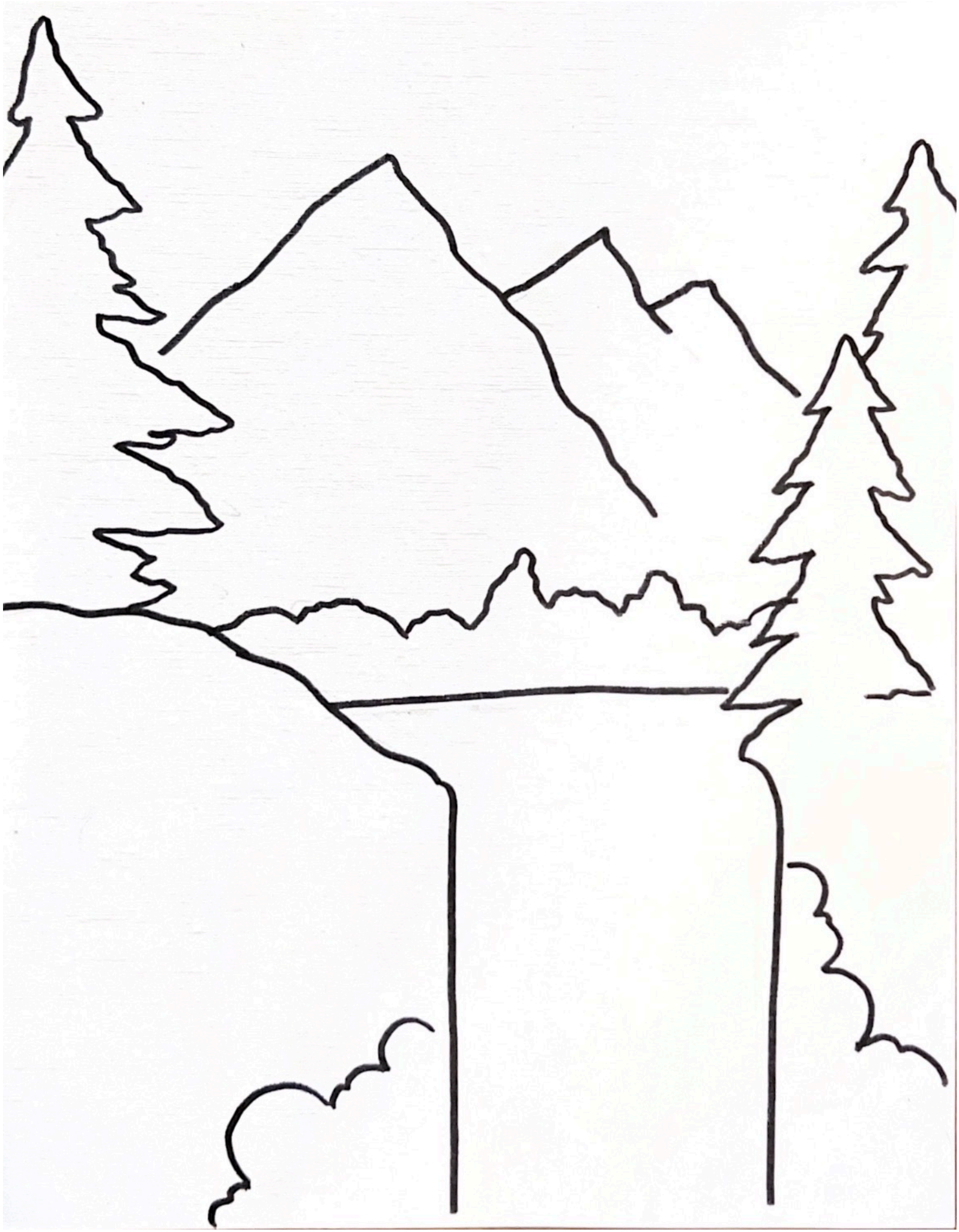
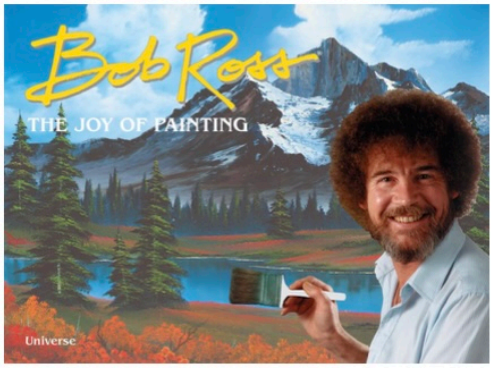




Masterpiece Maker Summer Camp 2026

Project 1: Bob Ross Inspired Mountains

11 x 14 Canvas with Acrylic & a Palette Knife



Bob Ross: His mission as an artist was to show absolute beginners how to make incredible landscape paintings using simple techniques. He used oil paint, brushes, and his trusty palette-knife to make paintings with follow-along videos that would air on TV.

1. Grab an 11x14” canvas and gather painting supplies and paints.

2. Using a pencil, draw starting from the foreground (bottom of the page) and ending in the background (top of the page): grassland, waterfall, trees, bushes, mountains, clouds.

3. **Trace over** all pencil lines with a medium **black Sharpie.**

4. Pour the **acrylic paints** into a paint palette.

5. Paint one section of colors at a time:
    a. **Grassland/Big Trees:** Paint the entire area a medium green, then add light green to the highlights to one side and dark

green/black to the other side. Feel free to slightly blend the colors in circles on the painting to create a textured effect.

b. **Bushes:** Paint the bushes a blue-green color. Then mix in black to create shadows.
c. **Mountains:** First, paint the entire mountain using a dark gray. Then scoop up some light-gray paint using a palette knife and scrape it onto one side of the mountain to create a scratchy highlight!
d. **Sky & Waterfall:** Paint using pink and blending it into blue on the canvas. Let it dry before adding white clouds and mist.

6. Set canvases to the side to dry.

7. Using **black sharpie**, re-outline any shapes that have become mushy/undefined.