

You gotta think like a tree.

The only prerequisite is that it makes you happy. If it makes you happy then it's good. You can do anything here - the only pre-requisite is that it makes you happy. They say everything looks better with odd numbers of things. But sometimes I put even numbers—just to upset the critics. Talent is a pursued interest. That is to say, anything you practice you can do.

Little trees and bushes grow however makes them happy. It is a lot of fun. At home you have unlimited time. Let's put some happy little bushes on the other side now. Fluff that up. It's important to me that you're happy. Just pretend you are a whisper floating across a mountain. Without washing the brush, I'm gonna go right into some Van Dyke Brown, some Burnt Umber, and a little bit of Sap Green.

If you overwork it you become a cloud killer. There's nothing worse than a cloud killer. There we go. Maybe there's a little something happening right here. I'm gonna add just a tiny little amount of Prussian Blue.

Learn when to stop. A big strong tree needs big strong roots. No pressure. Just relax and watch it happen. In nature, dead trees are just as normal as live trees. We'll put all the little clouds in and let them dance around and have fun. Isn't that fantastic? Almost everything is going to happen for you automatically - you don't have to spend any time working or worrying.

Imagination is the key to painting. If you don't think every day is a good day - try missing a few. You'll see. This is the time to get out all your frustrations, much better than kicking the dog around the house or taking it out on your spouse. Talk to trees, look at the birds. Whatever it takes. Work on one thing at a time. Don't get carried away - we have plenty of time. A tree needs to be your friend if you're going to paint him.

The shadows are just like the highlights, but we're going in the opposite direction. We can fix anything. This is probably the greatest thing that's ever happened in my life. We spend so much of our life looking - but never seeing. Let's make a nice big leafy tree. I started painting as a hobby when I was little. I didn't know I had any talent. I believe talent is just a pursued interest. Anybody can do what I do. This is a happy place, little squirrels live here and play. Use absolutely no pressure. Just like an angel's wing.

There we are. Absolutely no pressure. You are just a whisper floating across a mountain. All you have to learn here is how to have fun. Just let this happen. We just let this flow right out of our minds.

Now we'll take the almighty fan brush. There are no mistakes. You can fix anything that happens. It's life. It's interesting. It's fun. Let's put some happy little clouds in our world.