

CABIN IN THE WOODS

Tips and Techniques for Sketching on the Go!



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Please enjoy a few little tips on how I approach my travel journaling and share my stories of the road!

**"THERE WAS
NOWHERE TO GO
BUT EVERYWHERE."**

Jack Kerouac



FIELD SKETCHING NOTES

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When sketching on location, I love to have the time to sit and draw from start to finish but I don't always have that luxury so I have learned to do a quick "outline" of the scene and just capture the essence and important marks and details of what I see (Sketch 1).

I always take several photos with my phone to use as a reference for my study. Later, usually when I stop for a break or get back to my hotel, I will add a few more details and really nail down the shapes and perspective (Sketch 2).

Next it's time to start painting! I take a lot of liberties, leaving things out that I don't feel are important, or adding a tree to make a composition I am happy with. This journal is my creative reproduction of what I saw *and* felt so I can recreate the scene any way I want to capture that memory (Sketch 3).

Once the paint is dry, I go back with my pen and add even more detail. This is the point where my page starts to come

"THE WORLD IS A BOOK AND THOSE WHO DON'T TRAVEL READ ONLY ONE PAGE."

Saint Augustine

alive! I use cross-hatching and darker lines to find values and make the image pop (Sketch 4).

Most of the time, I will journal directly on to my painted page or simply add a caption. Historical points and data are helpful to add (Sketch 5).

If the page needs it, I may go back and add a few more watercolor strokes for definition. Lastly, I splatter the page a little bit. This technique goes along with my scratchy, scribbly style and adds a little whimsy to the page (Sketch 6).

I always date my page -- either with a stamp or handwritten. Future generations will really appreciate the time reference. Sign your work and you are on to your next adventure!

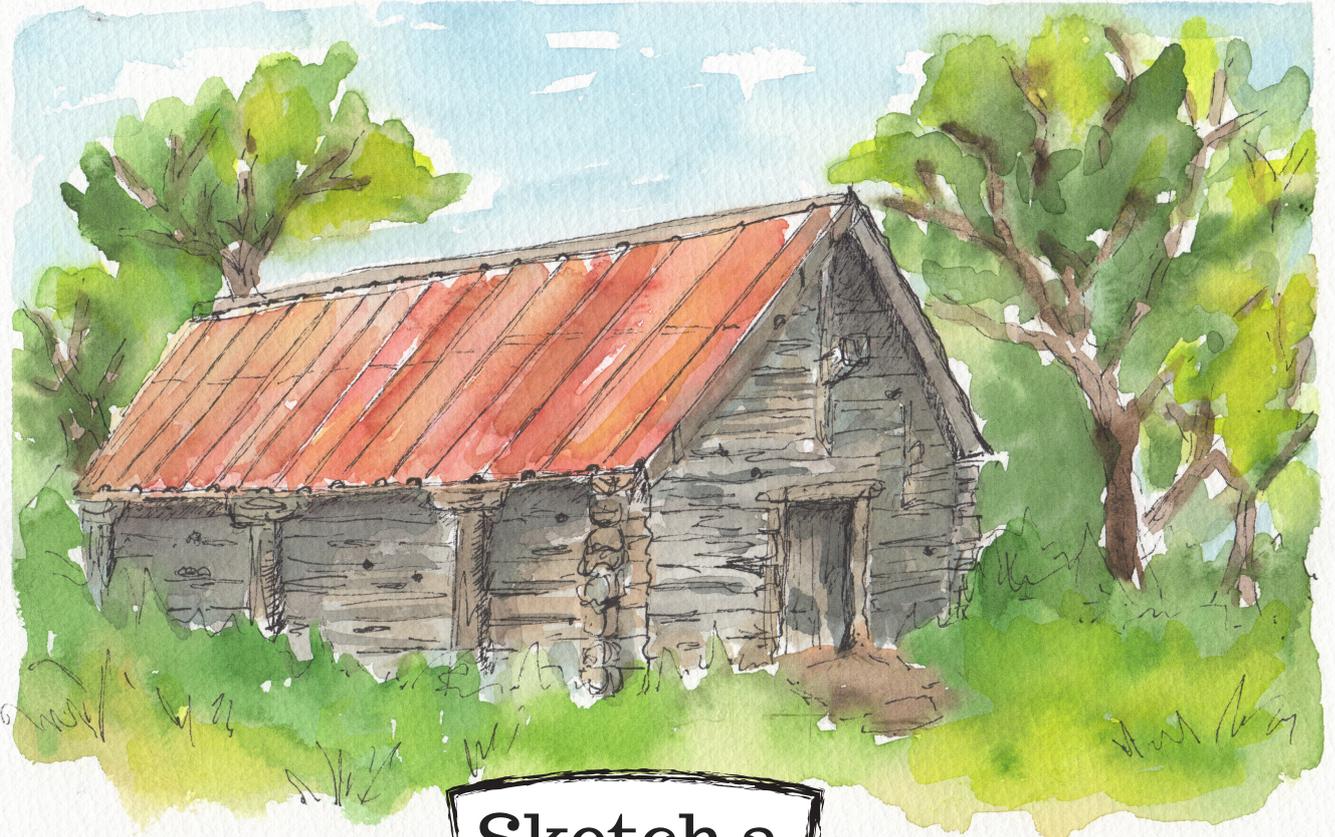
Happy Wandering!



Sketch 1



Sketch 2



Sketch 3



Sketch 4

Olden, Norway - June 23, 2015



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Sketch 5

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Sketch 6