My Beginners School Contract

I have decided to learn to (fill in—draw, paint or sculpt) _______________________________(if paint, add type—oil, acrylic, or watercolor), the course I’m likely to have the most success with given my situation and personality. The (Drawing, Painting or Sculpture) _______________ Course contains artist instructional videos and written text. I recognize that in order to be successful, I am primarily responsible for maintaining my own self-interest in and commitment to this course. I plan to continue my studies after completing the course, using the Beginners School’s Student Resource Center (SRC) as a starting point.

To help me maintain my interest, I have set important goals for myself. My goals in learning this particular art form are:

_________________________________________________________________________,

and

_________________________________________________________________________.

I make the following commitments to myself to see to my success in completing the Course:

1.) Time Commitment

I pledge to give myself ______ hours a week to learning this new art form.

These hours will likely be on (day/s of the week) ______________________ at or around (time) ____________. I will give myself _____ minutes to go through my lesson for the day. I will do some text reading _______________________________________________(fill in: on my lunch break, on the train, etc).

2.) School Participation Commitment

I pledge to do well and help future students to learn.

I commit to ______________________________________________________ (fill in all that apply: share photos of my art, comment on lessons, post to social media, etc.) in order to help myself and others.

3.) Goal Monitoring

I pledge to monitor my progress and give myself kudos for maintaining momentum and continuing to learn my chosen art form.
Starting today, I will monitor my completion of the Course, checking on my personal progress towards my goals. I will put a reminder in my calendar to check in on myself every two weeks. I will also take and save a photo of each artwork I create, to have a visual record of my progress. At the end of the Course, I will look back at my work from the very beginning to see how far I’ve come as an artist.

4.) Social Commitment

I pledge to involve and request advice/assistance when needed from family and friends.

I intend to share my Course progress with __________ every week or two. I realize there may be lessons where I do not understand some of the text, or I might need financial assistance. I will not let my pride or shyness keep me from asking ________________ and/or __________________ for __________________. I will also make use of the comments area beneath each of the lessons, the School’s SRC, or an internet keyword search if I need further explanation of certain items in a lesson.

Agreed to: ______________________________________ Date: ______________________

(sign your name here)