# **Forest Snow Ground**

#### **Tutorial Session Guide**

#### Part 1: Substance Soft Snow (SSS)

- How to view our reference
- Simple Overview of Substance
- Setting up our material preview
- Creating Snow Speckles
- General Snow Shapes
- Creating an RGB Merged Texture

#### • Part 2: Substance Snowflakes

- Why are we making them
- Tile Sampler Tips
- Directional Warping
- o 2D Transforms
- Gradation Shape Benefits
- Exposing Parameters

#### • Part 3: Substance Snowflakes

- Snow craters and dips
- o Fractal Sum Base
- Tile Sampler Masking
- Edge Detect
- Creating Snow Clumps
- Making snow angels

## • Part 4: Unreal Engine Import Textures

- Launching the Engine
- File Structure
- When do I need "sRGB"
- Texture features in engine
- Compression Settings

#### Part 5: Unreal Snow Shader Setup

- Shader Basics
- Shader Parameters
- Detail Maps
- o Tri-Planar Projection
- Tessellation and Subsurface
- Material Instances

#### Part 6: Unreal Landscape Shaders

- Layer Blends
- Combining texture channels
- Layer heightmap masks
- Lots of renaming/organization
- Random helpful information

#### Part 7: Unreal Landscape Tips/Tricks

- Landscape Creation
- Landscape Layer Info
- Sculpting and Painting
- Landscape Material Instance
- More Landscape tips/tricks

### • Part 8: Maya Snow Clumps/Physics

- Maya Transform Component
- Shortcut tips
- Object Physics for rubble
- Using the Animation Timeline
- o Creating snow rubble pile

#### Part 9: Zbrush Snow Bits Sculpting

- Using Surface Noise
- UV Mapping inside Zbrush
- Simple Sculpting Tips
- Exporting our models
- Dynamash

#### • Part 10: xNormal Low Poly Bake

- Softening Zbrush Edges
- Tucking Rocks into the ground
- Cleaning up vertex normals
- xNormal Tools
- Baking High to Low Process

- Part 11: Maya Creating LODs
  - How to Reduce Mesh Tri's
  - What are good LODs
  - Why do we need LODs
  - o Do I always have to make LODs
  - o Really?

- Part 12: Unreal Assets/Shaders/Foliage
  - Importing LOD's
  - Setting up Foliage
  - Simple Lighting tips
  - Scene layout tips
  - Adding detail to assets

## **Bonus Content Video Section**

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- Part 13: Timelapse Zbrush Grass
  - Fibermesh
  - Adjusting grass colors
  - Playing with Gravity
  - Adding detail to assets
- Part 14: Timelapse Maya Grass Setup
  - Maya Preserve UV's
  - Using Lattice Modifier
  - Grass Planes
  - Grass Patch setup/layout

- Part 15: Timelapse Building the Scene
  - Playing with Procedural Trees
  - Looking at general composition
  - Adding/painting grass foliage
  - Adjusting final lighting
- Part 16: Photoshop Adding Mountains
  - Using Selective Color
  - o The Refine Edge Tool
  - Masking Layers
  - Blending colors/values

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