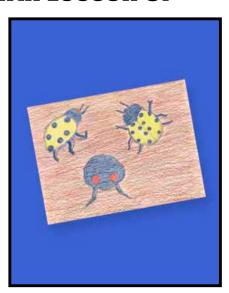


Welcome to Youth Arts Month Lesson 5!

Have you ever examined tiny bugs through a magnifying glass? Draw your favorite creepy crawly bug – quick! Before they fly away!

Supplies:

- * crayons
- * colored pencils
- * textured items such as sandpaper, screen, paper doilies, rubber sink mat
- * white paper



Watch your favorite bugs crawl. Look at them through a magnifying glass. Can you see their three body segments? Find out more about insect bodies.

Directions:

- 1. With crayons, make a crayon rubbing on a textured surface such as sandpaper, an unused or old window screen, paper doillies, a rubber sink mat or bricks.
- 2. Erase at least three bigger-than-life bug-sized areas.
- 3. In each space, draw your insect with colored pencils from a different angle, such as from the top, from the bottom or from the side.
- 4. Color in your insects. Go buggie!



Safety Guidelines

- 1. Close adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.
- 2. Safety guidelines recommend this art project as suitable for children ages 4 years and older. Close adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.



This lesson offers a great chance to teach your students about insects. Review the insect body segments terms and facts below:

The body is divided into a head, a thorax and an abdomen.

Head - supports a pair of sensory antennae, a pair of compound eyes and mouth parts.

Thorax - has six legs (one pair per segment) and wings (if present in the species).

Abdomen - has respiratory, excretory and reproductive structures and is made up of eleven segments - some of which may be reduced or fused.



Did You Know?

- ♦ There are millions of species of insects; so many that some don't even have names. \diamond To be a true insect, a creature can only have six legs.
- Spiders have eight legs and centipedes have dozens of legs, so they aren't really insects. \diamond The longer an insect's wings, the farther it can fly.
 - Insects' abdomens or stomachs have tiny breathing holes.



Related Books

Sam's Sandwich by David Pelham Alpha Bugs: A Pop-Up Alphabet by David Carter Miss Spider's Tea Party by David Kirk What's Inside Insects by Angela Royston



Art Thought for the Day:

One touch of nature ... makes all the world kin. William Shakespeare ~ playwright and poet



