

Celebrate Youth Arts Month Let's Go Buggie!

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 doilies, 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.



Educators:

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.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 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



