



Title : Bugs Life

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Recommended Grade Level(s): 2nd Grade

Topic(s) (Tags): Insects, Mixed Media, Texture, Watercolor, Guided Drawing, Butterfly, Spring

Objective:

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Students will explore the world of insects and their environments through drawing, painting, and mixed media techniques. They will create a textured background, practice guided drawing of various bugs, and use painting and pastel techniques to add details and color. The final artwork will display a vibrant scene of insects in their natural habitat.

Standard/Concept:

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- Anchor Standard #1: Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work.
- Anchor Standard #5: Develop and refine artistic work for presentation.
- Anchor Standard #7: Perceive and analyze artistic work.
- Anchor Standard #11: Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding.



Materials:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● High-quality, 8X10 white paper (Free from Art to Remember) ● Construction paper (various colors) ● Cardboard pieces ● Paint ● Paintbrushes ● Watercolors ● Oil pastels ● Scissors ● Glue ● Pencils

Break down of the lesson

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Day	Direction
1	Students will select a color background and use analogous greens to create a textured grass effect. Each student picks a color for their background paper. Using pieces of cardboard, they will dip into various shades of green paint and create grass-like textures on their background, covering approximately three-quarters of the paper. This will leave space at the top for the butterflies.
2.	Students will learn to draw different bugs on a divided 5x7 paper. Students will cut their paper in half, resulting in two 5x7 pieces. On one piece, they will start a guided drawing of a butterfly, beginning



	with the head, body, and then the wings. On the second piece, they will divide the paper and draw worms on one side and ladybugs on the other.
3	Students will paint their bugs and add details. Depending on the previous day's progress, students will either start or continue painting their bugs using watercolors. They will then use black paint to add details to the butterfly and ladybug, enhancing their features.
4	Students will outline their bugs, add details, and assemble the final artwork. Students will use oil pastels to outline their bugs and add any remaining details. They will then cut out their bugs and glue them onto the grass background in various places. Finally, students will add ants all over their background to complete the scene.





Steps for the Lesson

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Step	Directions	Image
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher will explain the concept of analogous colors and demonstrate how to use them to create texture. • Students will select a color background. • Students will dip a piece of cardboard into various shades of green paint. • Students will drag the cardboard across the paper, creating a grass-like texture, covering about 3/4 of the paper to leave space for the bugs. • Teachers will circulate and assist students as needed. 	

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2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teacher will provide a demonstration of drawing a butterfly, worms, and ladybugs.• Students will take a piece of 5x7 paper and draw a butterfly, starting with the head, body, and wings.• Students will divide another 5x7 paper and draw worms on one side and ladybugs on the other.• Teachers will guide students step-by-step and provide assistance.	 
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teacher will demonstrate how to paint the bugs using watercolors.• Students will paint their butterflies, worms, and ladybugs.• Students will use black paint to add details to their bugs, such as spots on the ladybugs and patterns on the butterfly wings.• Teachers will ensure students clean up their painting areas properly.	 

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- **Teacher will** demonstrate how to outline the bugs with a fine-tip marker and add details using oil pastels.
- **Students will** outline their butterflies, ladybugs, and worms.
- **Students will** use oil pastels to add final details and colors.
- **Students will** carefully cut out their bugs.
- **Students will** arrange and glue their bugs onto the grass-textured background, placing them in different areas.
- **Students will** add ants all over their background to complete the scene.
- **Teacher will** assist with the arrangement and provide feedback on the final assembly.

