

Birds, Butterflies, and Bugs

With flowers and plants

Assignment: Collect photographs of birds, butterflies and bugs (lots: 20 or more). First paint some studies by doing a contour line drawing first then paint. Do some others by painting directly with the watercolor, draw with the brush. Use wet into wet and merging of washes. Allow to dry then paint over washes. Keep the work flowing and free: emphasis the big shapes, big colors, and gestural indication. Do the studies about 6" x 9" and do at least of them.

Large painting: Use 15" x 20" paper and paint two or more of the birds, butterflies and bugs on this piece. Also include, as part of the composition, flowers and plants. Do small compositional studies (4" x 3") in pencil or watercolor before beginning the large piece.

Artist to look at: Deborah Ross

Turn in the all the studies and large painting in a portfolio for critique and grading