

BRIGHT SUMMER BOUQUET

The great outdoors is filled with inspiring images to paint or sketch. Take your art studio outside and create a colorful close-up of your favorite flower.



Artist's Tools

- flowers
- magnifying glass
- drawing board or easel
- paper, pencil and eraser
- chalk pastels
- tissue

1 Examine each part of your flower with a magnifying glass. How many shapes can you see? How many colors? What's the lightest color? What's the darkest color? Is anything living inside?



2 Choose a small section of your flower and lightly sketch the shapes you see.

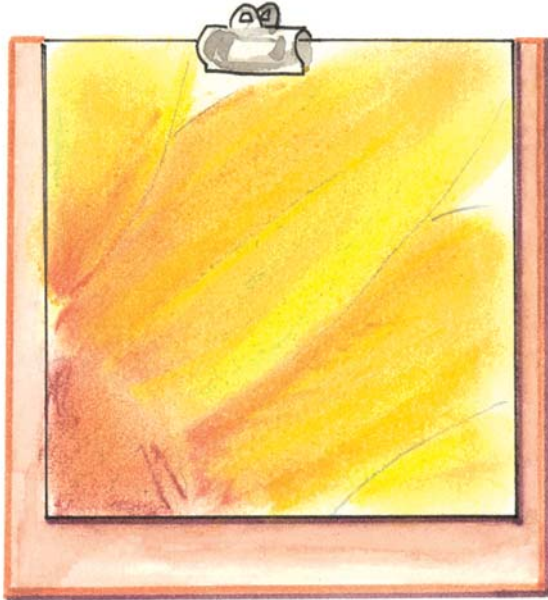
3 Start with the chalk color that's closest to the lightest color in your flower. Press firmly, following the forms and shapes of your sketch.



4 Using a tissue, blend your chalk lines together. Be sure to follow the shapes of your flower.



5 Continue adding and blending the colors of your flower, working from lightest to darkest.



6 Add details last, such as bright yellow stamens in the center, veins in the petals or bold, beautiful bugs!



7 Make several studies of each flower part and put them together to create one enormous image!

