



Mastering the Medium Summer Camp 2026

Project 1: Girl with Dragonfly

9 x 12 Watercolor Paper with Black Sharpie

1. Tape 9x12” watercolor paper down to a board.
2. Write your name on the tape with a **black Sharpie.**
3. Using a HB pencil, begin drawing the side of the face. The tip of the nose should be in the middle of the page, the lips should be between the nose and the bottom of the page. Take your time and draw lightly.
4. **Trace over** all pencil lines with a **thin black Sharpie**. Feel free to add **line weight variety** by making the lines gradually go from thin to thick.
5. Using **Watercolor:**
    a. SKIN: Add clear water into a mixing palette. Inside the water, mix a fair color skin tone by adding <u>orange</u> and a <u>SMALL touch of blue</u> to a puddle of water. This should create a muted light-brown color. Color the girl’s skin with the skin tone color you created. Paint over the eyebrows as well (we will add colored pencil on top later). ****Allow students to play around with and choose their skin tones****
    b. LIPS: In the mixing palette, mix in a touch of purple to the skin tone to create the color for the lips. It should be a brown-purple like in the picture. Experiment with color mixing to get the right look.
    c. DRAGONFLY: Water down black in a mixing palette until you get gray, paint the wings the watered-down gray.

6. Allow the painting to dry.
7. **Colored Pencil:** Once dry, use colored pencil to finish the dragonfly, the girl’s hair, and add any shading or details to the face.
    a. Tip: Outline the forehead, nose, lips, and chin with a reddish-brown.