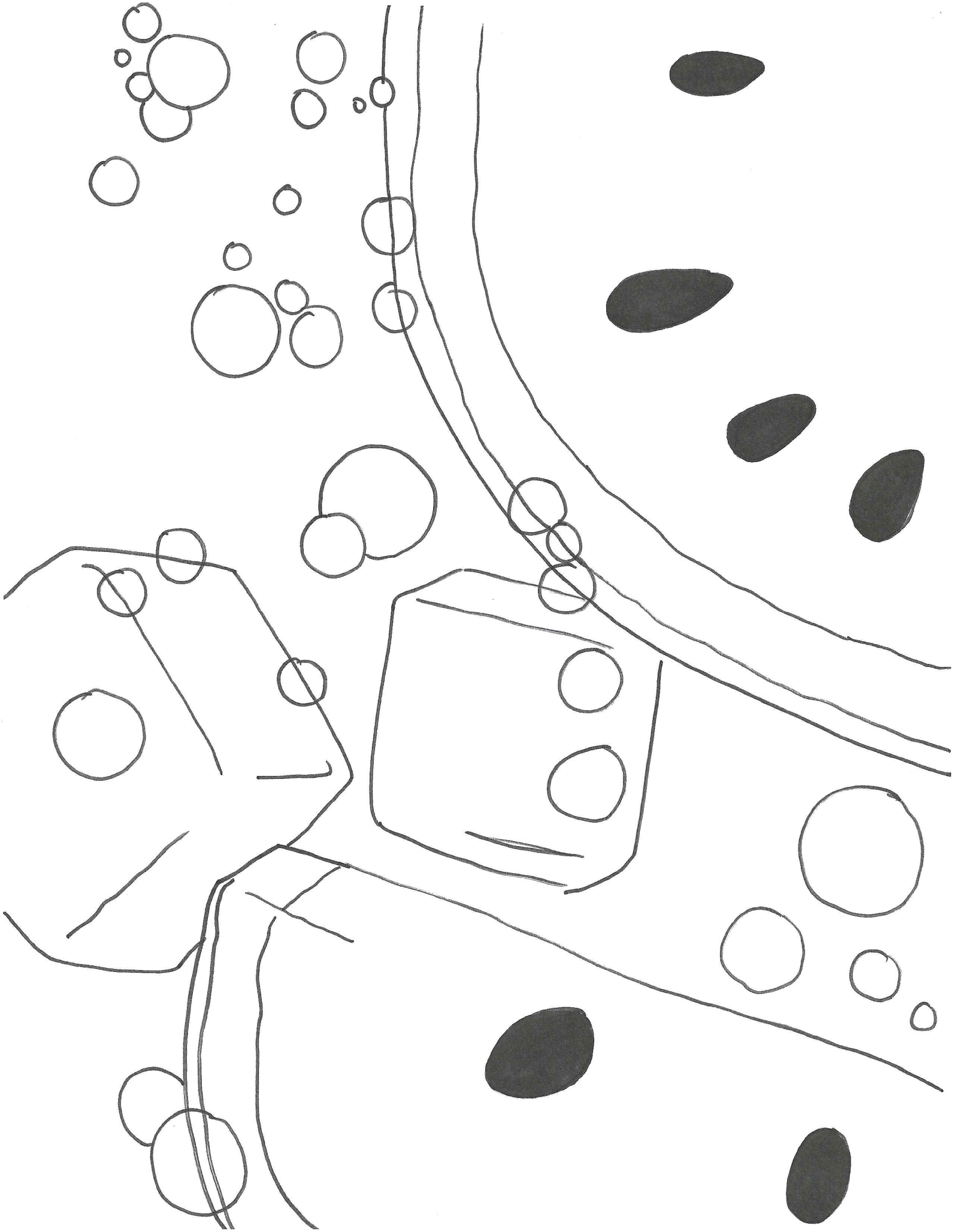




Mastering the Medium Summer Camp 2026

Project 2: Watermelon Realism

9 x 12 Watercolor Paper Watercolor with Paint Pens

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, draw the entire drawing.

4. **Trace over** all pencil lines with a **thin black Sharpie**.

5. Using a **medium black Sharpie**, color in all of the seeds.

6. Using **Watercolor:**
    a. Rinds: Start with green and paint the rinds with watercolor. In a palette, mix green with water to lighten it. Add the light green into the second section of the rinds.
    b. Melon center: With a clean paint brush, paint a thin layer of clean water in the red part of the watermelons. Then load the brush with red and touch the brush to the paper to fill the area with red. Repeat until the red of the watermelon is filled.
    c. Background: In the middle of a mixing palette, fill the center with clean water. Then mix in red to the puddle until you get pink. Use the pink to fill in the entire background, bubbles and ice.

7. Set aside to dry.

8. Using **Paint Pens**, add the red shadows and white highlights to the bubbles and watermelon.