

BUTTERFLIES

IN WATERCOLOR



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Welcome

Hi there!

I'm super excited to paint with you! I can't wait to see how you use what you've learned in your own artwork. Whether you're just starting out or have been painting for a while, I hope this helps you have fun and grow as an artist!



Did you know that not every painting needs to be perfect? That makes it even more exciting and a lot of fun. Let's see what you come up with!



Let's be creative journey together!

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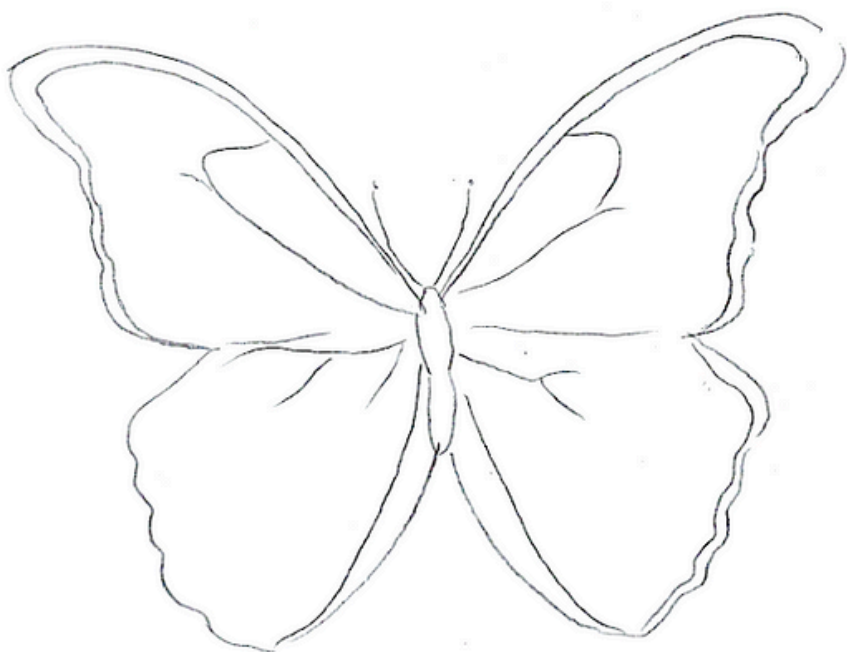
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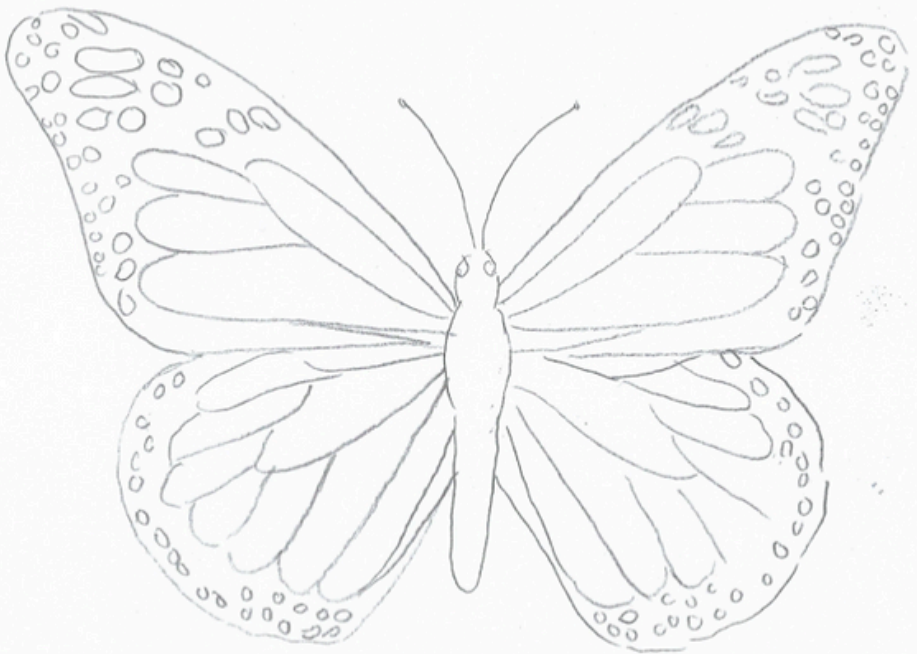
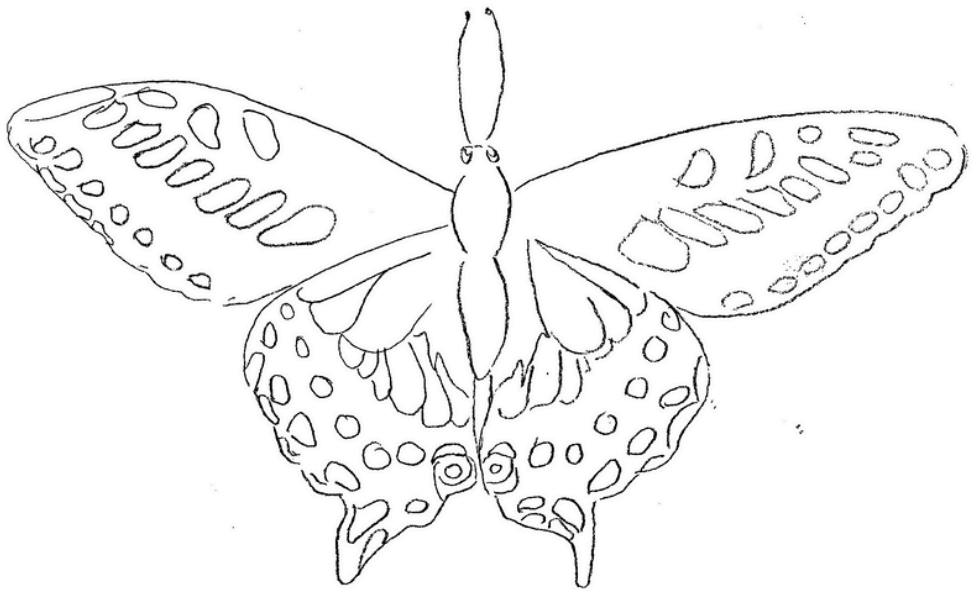
Materials

- Watercolor paint set
- Brushes: tiny, small, medium
- Watercolor student grade paper
- Permanent Sharpie marker (optional)
- Rinse bucket
- Paper towels

To avoid the color from smearing, first paint the butterfly's wings with the brighter color, then add the darker details with either a permanent sharpie marker or a black paint and a small brush.

Paint small or large butterflies





How to transfer to watercolor paper

- Use a Window
- First, darken the lines of the line drawing with a Permanent Sharpie marker or trace onto tracing paper or clear acetate. The tracing paper or clear acetate will allow more light to come through.
- Take it to a window or place it on a light pad and tape it in place.
- Place the watercolor paper on top and tape in place; yes, 300lb paper can work, but first, transfer the line drawing to tracing paper or clear acetate.

Graphite paper option

This option can be reused over and over again. The most commonly used is saral wax-free [Graphite paper](#), or you can make your own.

Making your graphite paper

- Consider using a lightweight printer paper, drawing, sketch paper or tracing paper.
- Using a soft graphite pencil or graphite stick, generously cover one side, then shake off the excess.
- To prevent it from smudging, using a cotton ball with lighter fluid, go over the surface to fix the surface.

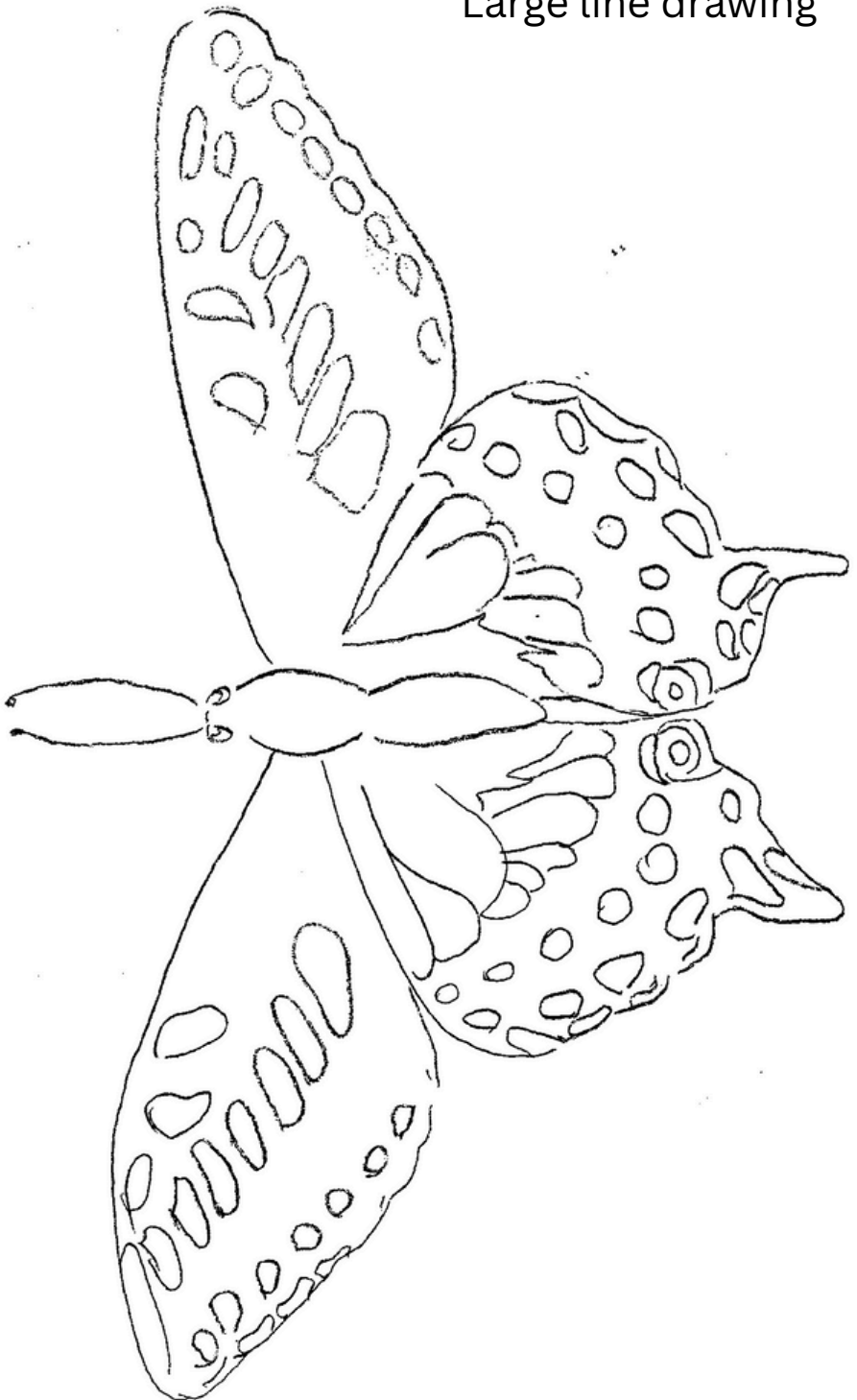
How to transfer

1. Place the watercolor paper on the table.
2. Place the graphite paper messy side down on top of your watercolor paper, and tape in place on three sides.
3. Tape your drawing right-side-up in place on top of it.
4. Use a pencil (or even a pen), then trace the drawing onto the watercolor paper.
5. When you're finished tracing, remove the drawing and graphite paper.

Large line drawing



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