



## Pastel Ladybug

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Art Cards by Kids is an exciting fundraising opportunity for elementary schools across North America. This high-profit artwork fundraiser brings creativity into the classroom in a fun, educational, and rewarding way for students, families, and teachers alike.

We created these step-by-step instructions and videos to help teachers in the classroom guide students in creating amazing artwork for the fundraiser. Videos can easily be projected or displayed in the classroom for students to watch with guidance from their teacher. Please make sure your school has registered already and you have received our specially sized custom art sheets from the coordinator at your school before starting. Happy artistry!

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### Description:

Learn how to draw a cute red ladybug surrounded by green leaves and bright flowers in oil pastel. Watch as each ladybug takes on its own personality! This bright and fun art piece is suitable for all ages.

### Materials Needed:

- Oil Pastels in a range of colours – red, black, yellow, oranges, greens, purples, and pinks
- Black permanent marker
- Paper towel

Difficulty Level: Grade K-5

See the corresponding step-by-step video to these instructions on our website under the same title.

## **S-063** Pastel Ladybug Art Project Instructions:

### **1. Prepare Your Art Sheet Paper**

- a. Place your Art Cards by Kids Art Sheet on the table vertically. Make sure the vertical arrows on the left side are pointing upwards.
- b. Gather the necessary supplies for your artwork as shown.

### **2. Write your name**

- a. At the top, write your name, teacher's name, age, and grade in big, bold letters using a marker or pen—no pencil!

### **3. Draw the Body**

- a. With the red pastel, draw a large circle in the middle of your art sheet, leaving about 2 inches of white space on either side.
- b. Fill in the circle with red, leaving a medium-sized white circle in the top-right section to be shaded into other colours.

### **4. Shade the Body**

- a. With the dark orange pastel, add a ring of colour in the white circle connected to the red section. Leave white space in the center of the circle for more colours.
- b. Blend the red and the orange colours together to make a nice gradient.

### **5. Continue Shading**

- a. With the light orange pastel, add a ring of colour in the white circle connected to the dark orange section. Leave a small white circle in the center for one more colour.
- b. Blend the light orange and the dark orange colours together to make a nice gradient.

### **6. Continue Shading**

- a. With the medium yellow pastel, fill in the rest of the white space on the body connected to the light orange section.
- b. Blend the light orange and the medium yellow sections together to make a nice gradient.

### **7. Draw the Head**

- a. With the black pastel, draw a slightly smaller semi-circle above the red circle to create the head of the ladybug. Connect the edges of the semi-circle to the body.
- b. Draw two small circles next to each other in the top section of the head as eyes.
- c. Fill in head with black pastel, then fill in two semi-circles within the eyes as pupils.

## **8. Draw a Flower**

- a. With the dark purple pastel, draw a large flower on the bottom left section of the page with long, pointed petals.
- b. Fill in the top section and outer edges of the flower with colour, leaving a white section on the bottom middle section of each petal.

## **9. Shade the Flower**

- a. With the magenta pastel, fill in the white section of each petal, blending it with the edges of the dark purple to create a nice gradient.

## **10. Draw Another Flower**

- a. With the light pink pastel, draw a large flower on the top right section of the page with big, rounded petals.
- b. Fill in the top section and the outer edges of the flower with colour, leaving a white section on the bottom middle section of each petal.

## **11. Shade the Flower**

- a. With the dark pink pastel, fill in the white section of each petal, blending it with the edges of the light pink to create a nice gradient.

## **12. Draw Big Leaves**

- a. With the lightest green, draw multiple large leaves along the outside of the page. Draw two lines starting at their widest point on the black border and gradually bring them to a point.
- b. Fill in each leaf with colour.

## **13. Draw More Leaves**

- a. With the darkest green pastel, draw multiple large leaves in the remaining space along the border. Draw large, blob-like shapes with scalloped edges.
- b. Fill in each leaf with dark green pastel.

## **14. Colour in the Background**

- a. With a medium, vibrant green pastel, fill in the entire white background with colour. Outline the leaves, flowers, and ladybug carefully.

## **15. Outline the Leaves**

- a. With a different medium green pastel, outline the light green leaves. Add veins on both the light and dark green leaves.
- b. Draw a line through the center of each leaf and then add multiple V shapes going up the center line to create the veins.

### **16. Add Spots to the Body**

- a. With the black pastel, draw a vertical line down the center of the body, slightly wider at the bottom.
- b. Draw one circle at the top center, split by the middle line. Then, draw two circles in the middle, one on each side of the line. Lastly, draw four smaller circles, two on each side: one above and one below the middle circles, closer to the edge of the body.
- c. Outline the entire back of the ladybug with a thick black line.

### **17. Add Legs and Antennas**

- a. With the black pastel, draw three thick lines on both sides of the body going outwards as legs.
- b. With the same pastel, add two swirly antennas coming from the top of the head. Be careful not to draw the antennas too close to the border.

### **18. Sign Your Name**

- a. With the black pastel, sign your name under the left side of the ladybug.
- b. Be careful not to sign your name too close to the black border, or it will get cut off!
- c. Wash your hands thoroughly once you are finished handling the pastels.

Complete!