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Insects and Imagination

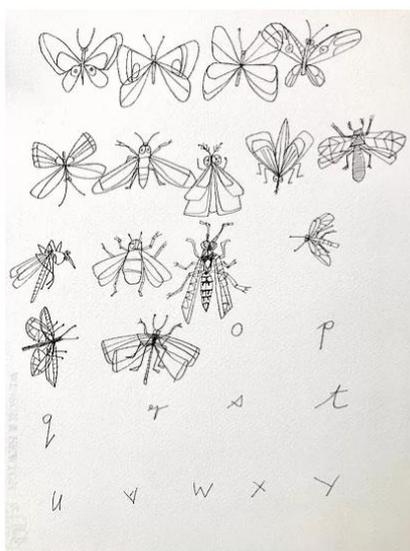
Insects are invaluable! These little creatures, overlooked by us humans or often regarded as pests, are vital in the ecosystem. From pollinating plants to breaking down waste material, they all have roles. The estimation is that there are between 6 and 10 million species of insects in the world and more insects are still being discovered all the time.

Imagination: the faculty or action of forming new ideas, or images or concepts of external objects not present to the senses.

Today's project is about these mini beasts, turning the letters of the alphabet into insects. Let's look at the insect's anatomy: they have three pairs of legs, a segmented body divided into three regions (head, thorax, and abdomen), one pair of antennae and usually at least one pair of wings. Here's a Pinterest board for insect inspiration:

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/estemacleod/insectinspiration/?eq=inse&etslf=NaN>

Today's project can be done on different levels. There are many kinds of insects, some flutter by and buzz through the air, others scurry about on their six legs. They can take many forms and shapes. Depending on what you feel like, you can make this project suit your style and mood.



Options

If you'd like to, turn your twenty six letters into *butterflies and moths*. The letters shapes can be used as decoration on the wings, or the basic body or legs.

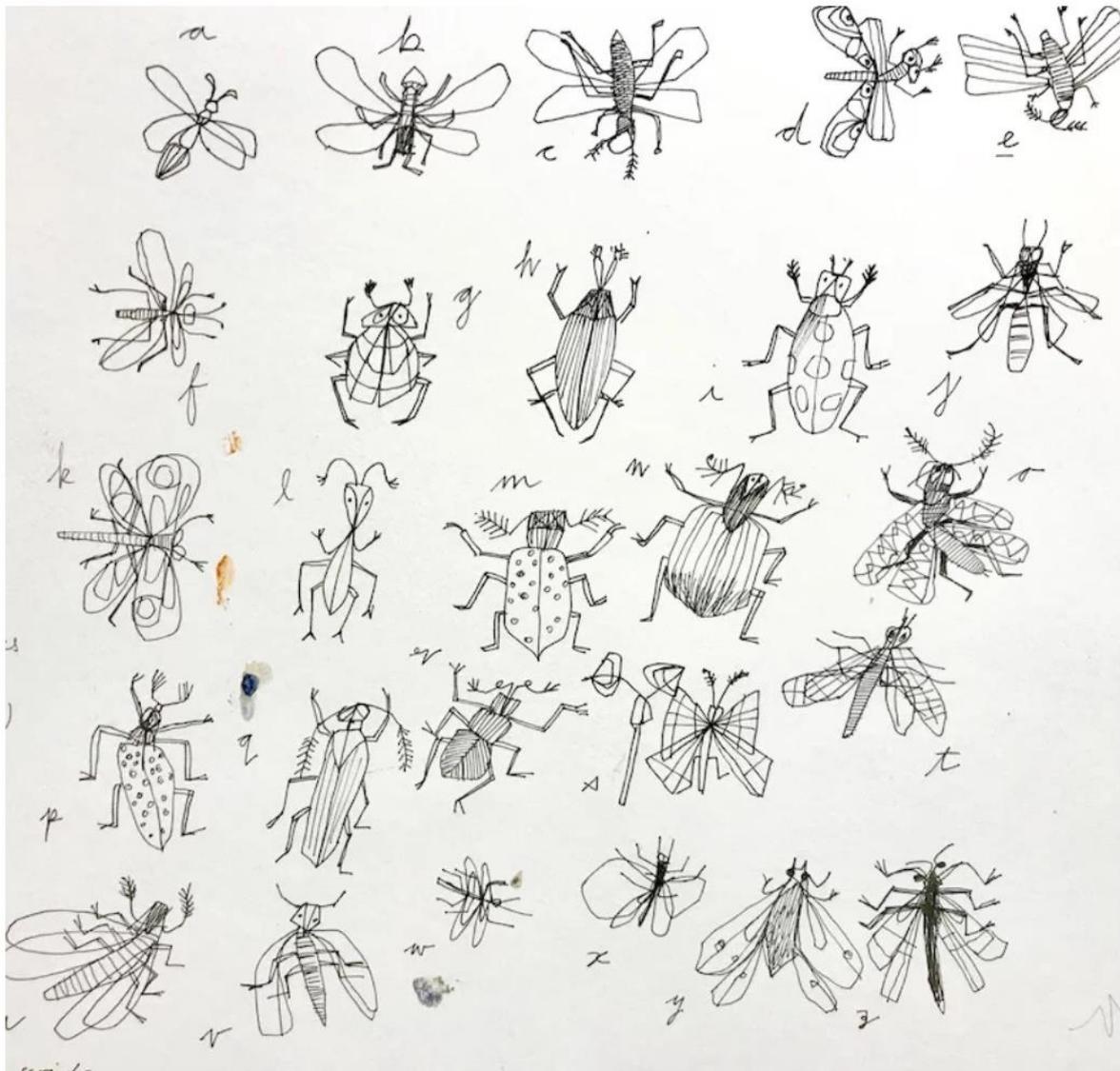
Pollinators: bees, butterflies, wasps, midges and moths. You can study these in more detail if you are interested.

Imaginary insects. There are some very strange looking insects in the world with quite alien in appearance, see if you can create some remarkable new insect shapes.



Creative Process

As long as you have an insect that comprises of the basic body shapes, you can adapt it to suit your creation. Whether you like to draw quite accurately or do something more unusual, the choice is yours. Create your drawings with a fine liner or other drawing instrument, add colours as you see fit.



Objective

We often overlook the exquisite little creatures that are all around us. This project's purpose is to look a bit closer at them, and to create some interesting mini beasts.

Below is a link to a remarkable program on an oak tree through the seasons:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFICsWFyAz0>