

Zara's Watercolour Garden

Learning objective: To explore colour mixing and the use of water to create different tones in an art piece.

Today, we are going to paint with Zara the Zebra. Watercolours are special because they are transparent. This means if you use lots of water, your colours will look light and soft. If you use only a little bit of water, your colours will look bright and bold. Follow the steps below to create your garden masterpiece.

Draw: Draw a beautiful garden scene. Start by painting a soft, watery blue sky at the top. Below the sky, paint three large flowers with colourful petals. Use your brush to make the petals look soft by adding extra water. Add long, thin green stems and large leaves. Finally, add some small, dark dots in the centre of each flower to show where the bees might land.



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Steps:

1. Step 1: Use a wet brush to paint a light blue circle for the sky. How does the paint move on the paper?
2. Step 2: Pick a colour for your flower petals. Will you use a lot of water to make them pale, or just a little for a bright colour?
3. Step 3: Label the 'stem' of your flower using your best writing.
4. Step 4: Use a dark green to paint a leaf. Is your leaf bigger or smaller than your flower?
5. Step 5: Zara likes patterns. Can you draw some small dots inside the middle of your flower?