

# Drawing Butterflies and Moths

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## Materials List



### Paper:

Stonehenge Kraft Drawing Paper, one pad 9x12"

A few sheets of drawing paper (any kind as long as it is fairly smooth)

Tracing paper

Transfer paper: Saral Transfer Paper White. Please do not buy any other brand.

### Brushes:

One or two small round synthetic brush #4—Silver brand is good, but there are many others.

A small white ceramic plate or saucer

### Pencils:

1 or 2 HB wood graphite pencils (professional brands such as Faber Castel, Tombow, Staedtler Mars Lumograph, Derwent)

Pencil Sharpener: Muji brand is great

### Erasers:

Kneadable rubber eraser

White plastic eraser

### Paint:

One tube gouache in Titanium white or Permanent white: M. Graham, Holbein, Winsor and Newton, or Turner are good brands. Do NOT buy acrylic gouache.

One tube (can be the small size: 5ml/ 1.7 oz) Daniel Smith Neutral Tint OR Paynes Grey watercolor.

### Colored Pencils:

If you own any artists' quality colored pencils, bring them. If you are going to purchase, Faber-Castel is an excellent brand. Sets are available, but it is better to buy individual colors. Do not buy watercolor pencils.

\*Here is a suggested range of colors:

Dark sepia 175

Ivory 103

Earth tones: burnt ochre 187, Venetian red 190, or burnt sienna 283

Black 199

White Prismacolor 938

A light gray (any shade will do)

The above are all the colors you will need to get started, but if you already own colored pencils and want to bring more colors to class that is fine. I will be bringing some additional colors that students can use to add touches of color to their drawings.

The above names and numbers refer to Faber-Castel pencils. Another brand such as Prismacolor, Caran d'Ache Luminance, or Derwent can be purchased, and they carry a similar range of colors. Make sure to buy artists' grade pencils, not student or school quality.

\*\*\* Please bring to the first class:

A small piece of Styrofoam at least 4x3". This will be for mounting your butterfly specimen.

A small box to carry it in. I will provide the specimens.

Recommended Book:

The Laws Guide to Nature Drawing and Journaling, John Muir Laws, Heyday, Berkeley, CA,  
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This excellent book covers many topics including insects and butterflies.

**BEFORE YOU PURCHASE MATERIALS:**

If your class is canceled due to low registration, you will be notified by phone 4–5 days prior to start of the class. BBG reserves the right to cancel a class for any reason.