

Bird Drawings

Funds 1 + 2

OBJECTIVE:

Students will use the world around them to create art.



Research / Practice

- Think back to artist, Charley Harper (Funds 2—we studied him in Funds 1 / Funds 1—we studied him this past Winter). You might need to research his work in Google if you forget what he did. If you can't get access to the internet, I have provided a few images on this assignment sheet (hint: he LOVED nature and animals and we specifically used his birds as inspiration).
- In your sketchbooks, redraw some of Harper's bird art that were your favorites. This will hopefully help you to see that when drawing birds it helps to break them down into more simplified shapes.
- Next, go outside and look at real birds! Take a walk and bring your sketchbook and pencils. Draw birds that you see and love. Or maybe you can look birds up online—draw them!

Create / Learn

PROJECT 1

Choose your one favorite Charley Harper bird painting and redraw it on Bristol (or similar paper). You can redraw the Charley Harper image exactly as he did it or you can make some adjustments to it—add your own flair. And remember, Charley Harper images are very bold and flat—you will most likely use marker to color this project. Have some fun!

PROJECT 2

Now choose one of your outdoor walk drawings from your sketchbook and redraw that one on Bristol (or similar paper). This project will be more observational and should use colored pencil (think detail, shading, blending).

SUPPLIES Bristol, sketchbooks, pencil, markers, colored pencil

THINGS TO CONSIDER observational drawing, composition, color

TWO works due to Ms. Hart by Friday May 1
Work can be emailed to Ms. Hart at: melliehart@gmail.com

***fun fact: Charley Harper was from Cincinnati! Have you seen the downtown mural dedicated to him?

BONUS

Look at the images below and write a short paragraph comparing and contrasting the different bird art. For example, what supplies might the artists have used? What colors? How are the images similar and how did the artists approach the art differently? Does one bird look more realistic than another? Is there one that you like better and if so, why?

See below for more Charley Harper bird images



See below for colored pencil bird images

