Pearl at Home

This art project is designed for family fun, for suggested ages of 12 and up to be completed at home with easily-accessible art materials.

MONARCH BUTTERFLY
WATERCOLOR PAINTING

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MATERIALS

- Watercolor paper
- Watercolor brushes
  Two sizes: large for the “wash” applications and small for the “dry brush” detail work
- Watercolor paint (in tubes)
- Water container  · Palette  · Paper towels
- Pencil  · Tape
- Butterfly template (provided in this packet)
- Optional: Black Sharpie marker

ABOUT THE PROJECT

In this project, the artist will “suggest” the colors of a butterfly with a “wet-on-wet” painting technique. Once it has dried, the familiar framework of the majestic monarch butterfly is painted upon the colors using a “dry brush” technique.

DIRECTIONS

1 View the art lesson video by instructor Evelyn Bouley on our Youtube channel to become familiar with the “wet-on-wet” and “dry brush” techniques.
2 Set up a work area with all your supplies handy.

3 Put the watercolor paints of your choosing on the palette and mix to a liquid consistency.

4 Using a large brush and clean water, prime the watercolor paper in the desired areas that you want to place your subject.

5 Drop in the colors on the damp surface and allow to spread or “blossom.”
   **TIP:** Warm colors will blend nicely together, cool colors will blend well together – but if you mix the two together, they will create muddy colors.

6 Allow your project to dry completely.
   **TIP:** Dry quickly with a hair dryer.

7 Print out a monarch butterfly silhouette and transfer to the area of your choice on the painted area.

8 Paint in the butterfly silhouette with black paint using the smaller brush and a dry brush technique.