DRAW A WATER STRIDER



You will need:

- the following template (pattern) page printed onto light tan. light gray, or light blue paper
- colored pencils: white, black, medium brown and yellowish-tan (or light brown)
- a sketching pencil and eraser
- a thin black pen

NOTE: The beginning of the video has notes about these materials.

Instructions:

Copy the following template page onto a piece of paper or card stock that is a pastel tan or gray or blue. You need to use toned paper so that your white pencil lines will show up. You can use a traditional copy machine or you can put the pastel paper into the paper feed of your computer printer and print page 2 of this file.

Use the video to complete the drawing. You may pause the video at any time if it goes to quickly for you. The total running time of the video is a little under an hour.

Suggestion:

As a warm-up activity before doing this drawing, go to www.youtube.com/TheBasementWorkshop and click on PLAYLISTS, then on PONDS. You'll find some short videos showing water striders and explaining why they can walk on water. If you can't find the playlist, you could also search youtube using key words: "water strider insect." (There is a musical group called Water Strider. You can avoid having their videos come up if you use the word "insect.")

