

GET OUT!
Kids' Club

Winter Sketching Scavenger Hunt

Age 6 and up

Sketching is fun and easier than you think. It is simply a way to notice more beauty and everyday joy around you. By looking at something you see all the time from a different point of view you notice new details. Winter is a great time to look at nature differently. The quiet calm and subdued colours of winter mean fewer distractions. Small things often overlooked at other times are easy to see now. You can notice more details, for instance dried plants and berries, the pattern of tree branches without leaves, or the texture of different types of evergreens. Slow down, pause and take time to look closely, then draw what you see. Don't take it too seriously. Remember it is all about the art of seeing, not about the picture you make.



The colder weather makes winter a wonderful time to try sketching as it keeps sketching time shorter, more focused, and sketches small. These quick drawings focus your attention on the your subject, the bigger shapes, the colours, the key elements you want to capture. Small thumbnail sketches are fun and really make you look closely. When the warm weather comes along, you will be ready to try bigger projects.

What to Sketch? Our **Sketching Scavenger Hunt** on page 2 is a fun exercise to begin 'seeing' winter in a new way. HAVE FUN! Remember that sketching is for fun and practice, not perfection. It is a way to record your observations and experiences while out in nature! Here are some sketching tips from the [Bateman Foundation](#)

- ⇒ Look at the overall shape of the object. Loosely sketch that basic shape without any details. Can you break that shape up into smaller shapes that fit together or overlap?
- ⇒ Look at the edges of your object: are they smooth, jagged, scalloped, rounded?
- ⇒ Look at the lines that are created inside your object: where do they start from, where do they touch another line or edge?
- ⇒ Look at how the sunlight is hitting your object. Pay attention to areas that are lighter or darker than the area beside it

Find a full introduction to nature sketching at the [Bateman Foundation](#).

Tip: Dress warmly and take something to sit on. Here's how to make a Sit-upon. Place a few sections of a newspaper, or the entire edition, in a plastic grocery-size bag so the folded paper lies flat. Fold the bag closed and seal with duct tape. You have a waterproof, insulated sit-upon to keep you warm and dry on your next outing.

Bring along a hot drink to warm you up and celebrate your successful winter sketching adventure!



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Work with a pencil, pencil crayon, artist pencils or charcoal in cold weather

A long pinecone	A snowflake	Something red in nature
A bare branched tree	Bird tracks in the snow	An icicle
Last spring's nest	Something draped in snow	An animal with a fluffy tail
A frost pattern	Dried seed heads	An evergreen branch