

PLANT LIFE DRAWING WORKSHOP

Welcome to our plant life drawing worksheet!

You can print this worksheet off and have it with you for the plant life drawing workshop, or you can keep it so you can do these drawings again in your own time.

The live workshop will be led by artist and illustrator Abby Hobbs and Imperial plant scientist Dr Catherine Mansfield – we look forward to seeing you there!

Things to have ready before the workshop:

- **Collect as many different leaves as you can**, on walks, in the garden, or ask an adult if you can take one off a houseplant in your house.
- **Ask an adult to help:** pick your most symmetrical leaf before the workshop and carefully cut it in half (down the main middle vein). If you don't have time, we have a photo of half a leaf on page 2 of this worksheet that you can use instead.
- You can also bring a **houseplant from your home** to draw, or use a picture of a cheese plant provided below.
- **Materials:** paper, pen, markers, crayons, colouring pencils – anything you can but multiple colours would be very useful for the workshop.

Here is an example plant to copy if you don't have a leaf or plant at home!

This is a cheese plant.



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Drawing 1: draw the other side of a leaf

Use your half a leaf (or use the photo provided below) to symmetrically draw in the rest of the leaf. Abby will show you some drawing techniques, like marking out any big changes in direction of the leaf, using a light colour to plot the edges first, then working light to dark.

Observation is a really important skill in both science and drawing, try to look very closely at your leaf when you are drawing.

You can use this picture of half a leaf if you don't have your own at home!



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Drawing 1: draw the other side of a leaf

An example of artist Abby's finished drawing!



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Drawing 2: line drawings of leave

Now we're going to do continuous line drawings (without taking the pen off the paper) of objects in our homes that are made from plants. Try to draw as many objects as you can on one piece of paper, using lots of different colours.

For example, wooden chairs, tables, pencils, breakfast cereal, clothes, a house, bread, are all things that are made from plants.

Here are some of artist Abby's examples!



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Drawing 3: draw a houseplant, and then make it into a carnivorous plant!

Now you're going to draw a house plant that you have in your house. Or you can use the photo of the cheese plant on page 1 of this worksheet. Rather than using all green, you could try to use lots of different colours in your drawing.

Now imagine your plant was a carnivorous plant that eats insects! Try drawing some imaginary insect eating leaves or fly traps as part of your plant.

Here is artist Abby's example drawing:

