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O-original Art Activities: Botanical Illustration Inspired by Lucile Parker



Lucile Parker, *White Lilies*, 1960 circa, Watercolor and ink on paper, Gift of the Roger H. Ogden Collection

Lucile Parker was born in Sumrall, Mississippi and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Alabama. Parker is best known for her botanical, floral paintings, landscapes and portrait work. Parker's floral and botanical are fantastic renderings of nature's beauty!

Draw a botanical illustration of your favorite flower in this week's O-original Art Activity inspired by Lucile Parker.

Supplies

Pencil, Pen, Colored Pencils

Instructions

Step 1: Look at Lucile Parker's artwork, *White Lilies*. What do you notice about her art? Parker is a botanical artist who loves to paint her favorite flowers! What is your favorite flower? In this painting she paints lilies! I chose to draw an iris, but you can choose any flower you like!

Step 2: Parker sketches her flower paintings by planning where she will draw each part of the flower on the page. Use a pencil to sketch the **composition** of your flower artwork. Look closely at Parker's artwork as a reference; notice the lines and shapes of the flower petals, leaves and other parts of the flower.

Step 3: Use a pen to trace your drawing; this will make your drawing stand out more. Trace over the pencil lines of the flower to make it more defined.

Step 4: Use colored pencils to add color to your **botanical illustration!** Look closely at Parker's artwork. Even though a lily is white, Parker uses white and gray to shade the flower and make it look realistic! Use dark colors to create shadows and light colors to create areas of highlight in your artwork.

Step 5: Well done! You have just completed a botanical illustration inspired by Lucile Parker!

Vocabulary

Composition – the arrangement of elements within an artwork

Botanical illustration – the accurate pictorial depiction of plants and plant traits for a scientific purpose (Rix 2012)

SEE LUCILE PARKER'S WHITE LILIES IN THE PERMANENT COLLECTION AT OGDEN MUSEUM.

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