

Family Art from Home

Botanical Art Illustrations

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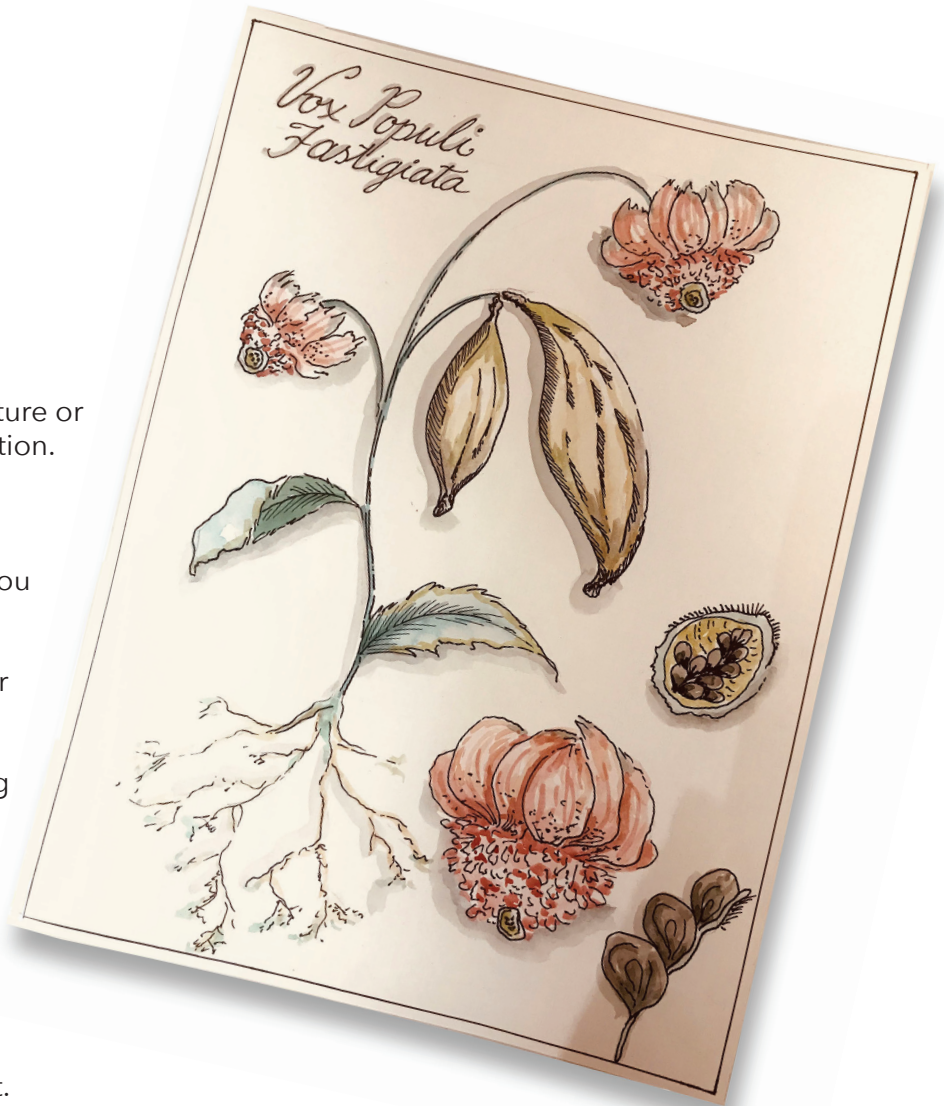
This project is a celebration of spring and the new growth around you. Make your own botanical illustration inspired by your surroundings and imagination.

Supplies Needed

- Paper
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Thin Sharpie or Black pen
- Watercolor (optional)
- Magnifying Glass (optional)

How to Do It!

1. Choose a plant in your garden, in nature or create a specimen of your own imagination.
2. Look. Use your skills of observation to capture details as if looking under a microscope. Use a magnifying glass if you have one!
3. Take your pencil and lightly draw your observations. Remember that botanical illustrations help someone to identify a plant so the more detailed your drawing the better.
4. Trace your pencil lines with a thin Sharpie or pen. Add the name of the species
5. If you have watercolor fill in areas with a water color wash. Make the wash by adding lots of water to your pigment. Repeat in areas where you would like the tone to be darker.



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