

Create Symmetrical Beetle Art

Look at examples of insects in art. Sharpen your symmetry skills by drawing the beetle's missing side. Then use your imagination to create a swarm of symmetrical insects!

Insects have long been a fascinating subject for artists. Look closely at the examples below. What do you see? How are they similar or different?



The Stag Beetle, by Albrecht Dürer, 1505, watercolor and gouache. Image: getty.edu.



Small Wonders by Bob Sober, 2021. Image: Hi-Desert Nature Museum.

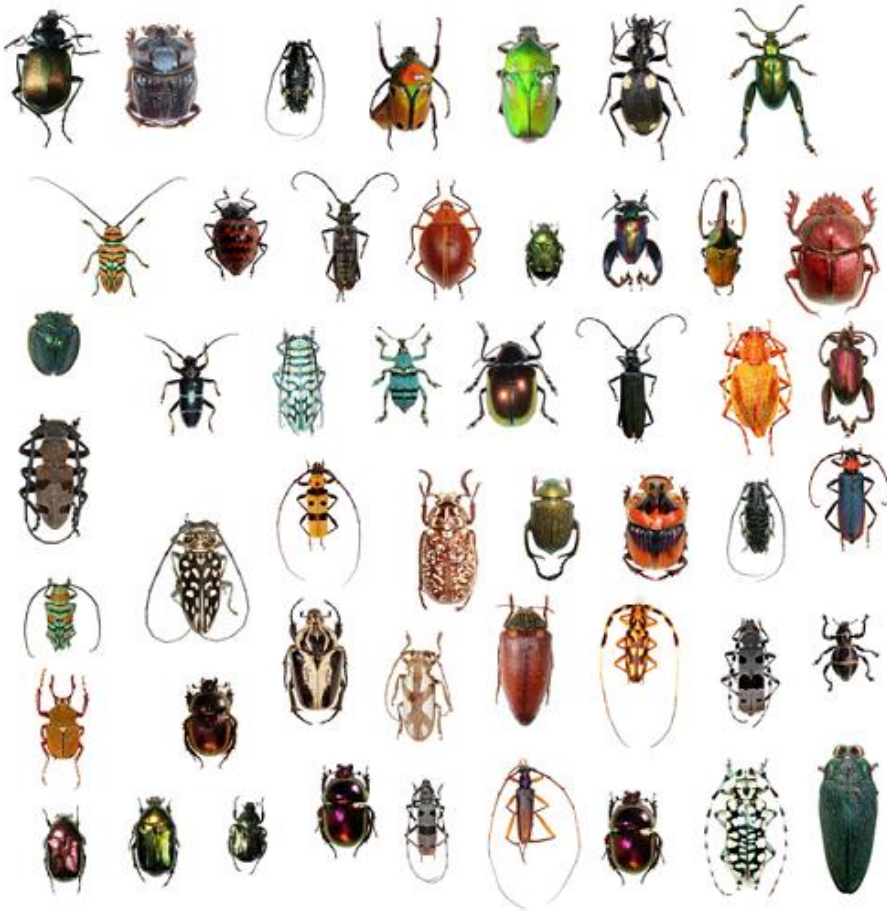


Worker by Anvil Catlin-Williamson, 2015, ceramic, glaze, and wire. Image: anvilcatlin.com



Branch of Genipapo with Long-Horned Beetle by Maria Sibylla Merian, 1702, watercolor. Image: Royal Collection in London.

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Courtesy of Getty Images.

Beetles are insects in the order *Coleoptera*. They come in a wide variety of shapes, sizes, and colors. However, all beetles, share common traits, such as a hard wing casing that covers their more fragile soft wings, six legs, three body segments, and antennae.

Beetles have *bilateral symmetry*. This means their left side is a mirror image of their right side.

Did You Know? There are more than 400,000 known species of beetles!

Materials Needed: Beetle Symmetry coloring page (or draw your own), pencil, coloring supplies such as crayons, paint, or colored pencils.

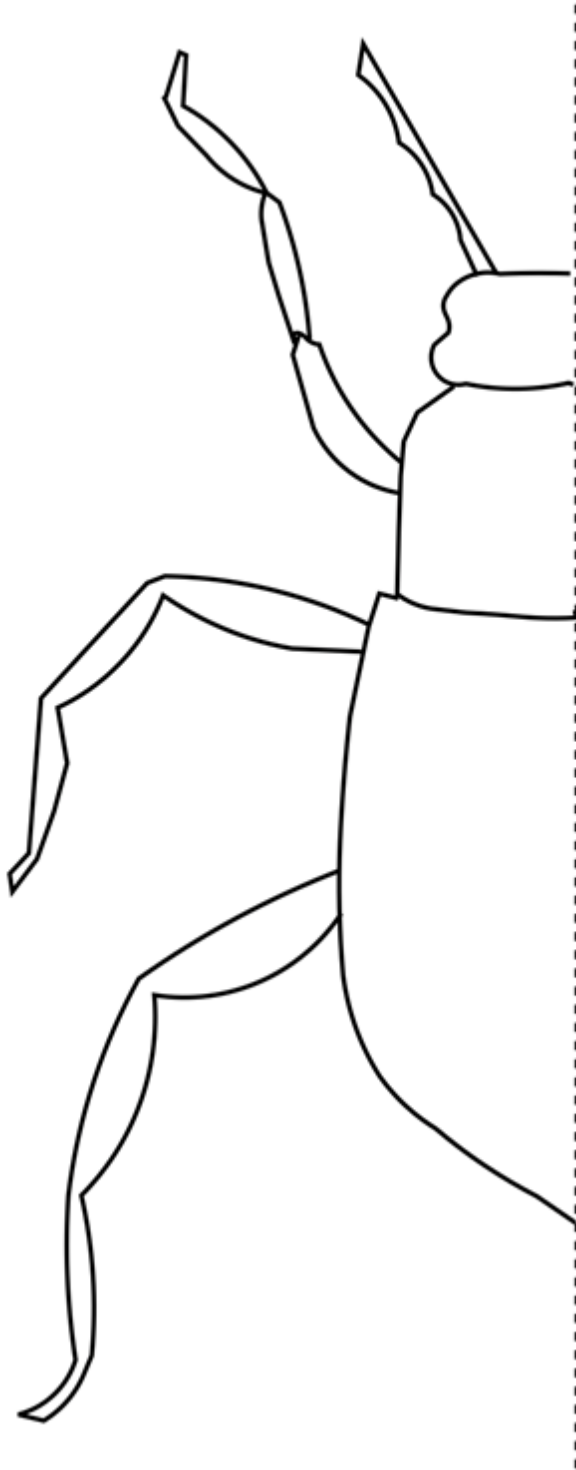
Instructions:

Step 1: Complete the pictures of a beetle on the coloring page by drawing the missing side. Can you make it symmetrical?

Step 2: Add colors with crayons, colored pencils, or paint. Color both sides the same way. Be creative!

Extension: Create more beetles and other imaginative insects. Fill a page! Remember to include a head, a thorax, an abdomen, six legs, eyes, and antennae. Make wings or a hard shell. Remember to make your insects symmetrical!

Beetle Symmetry Coloring Page



This beetle was inspired by *Upis ceramboides*, commonly known as the darkling beetle.

For more insect symmetry coloring pages, go to

www.artforkidshub.com/10-free-coloring-pages-bug-symmetry/