

YOU CAN DRAW... a Crocus



YOU WILL NEED:

- ✓ pencil
- ✓ eraser
- ✓ colored pencils
- ✓ sheet of white paper

1 With pencil, lightly draw the outline of your crocuses.

2 Check the highlights and see where the light areas are. Be sure to leave those areas white. This is important so your finished picture looks realistic. Coloring very lightly, color the crocuses violet, watching to see where the shading stops. Next use mauve (a pinkish purple) and lightly go over the violet, blending the colors together smoothly.

3 Use the pine green pencil and color the leaves vividly, leaving a white strip down the center of each leaf. Now take a black pencil color and outline the leaves carefully. Color both stamens brightly with orange. Then using your slate pencil, color the edge of the snow very lightly, just enough that you can see it is there. Finally, using bronze-yellow and brown, mix the colors lightly to look like the ground. Enjoy!



The Crocus drawings will be featured in the August issue.

Please return your drawing by May 15.

Want us to consider your drawing for publication? Send your completed drawing on clean, unlined paper, and do not fold. On the back write your name, age, and address. Send to You Can Draw a Crocus, 4253 Woodcock Lane, Dayton, Virginia 22821. If you would like it returned, you must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

You may e-mail scanned art as a high-resolution jpeg attachment, 3 inches and 300 d.p.i. Send to youcandraw@naturefriendmagazine.com. Label art with name, age, address, and then crop excessive margins. Name file: crocus-child's name-age

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