

How to Paint a **SNAIL** Step-by-Step Guide



Gather your supplies and trace your snail onto your watercolor paper. You can use a window and trace it with a pencil or use graphite paper.



Let's start by blocking in our colors. Use a Size 6 Round Brush and do a very light coat of Intense Blue (which is a grey/blue color) on the body of the snail.



Next, go over the whole body with a light coat of Burnt Umber (the darker brown). I made the underside of my snail a bit darker to show shadows.



Now fill in the snail's shell with a light coat of the lighter brown called Burnt Sienna.



While the shell is still a bit damp, add some lines to his shell (or any decoration you want...there are so many kinds of shells.. just have fun!) I made my lines curve to follow the shape of his shell.



Now make a nice dark grey color by mixing some of the Intense Blue (darker blue) with Burnt Umber (darker brown). Use the tip of your brush to define the lines on the snail. This will help with shading. Make sure to do two dots for his eyes!

SNAIL

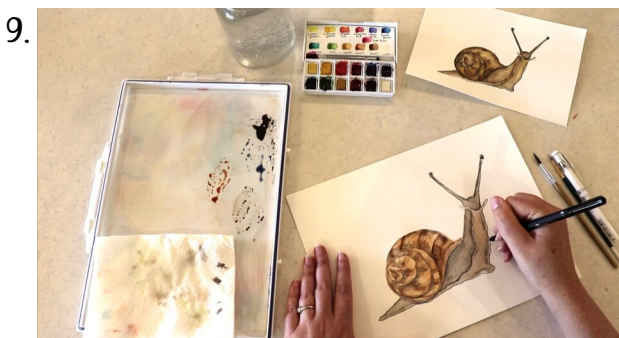
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Go over the lines with a wet brush (no paint) and just move the paint around a bit so the lines look soft and natural.



Use some more of your dark grey mixture to define your shell. Just imagine where the shadows would be and make it darker in those areas. Go in with a wet brush again to make the lines soft.



After your painting is completely dry, you can choose to outline everything with a fine tip, waterproof pen. I like to do this because I like the way it looks but you may like it without the outlines. You decide :)



And that's it! Now go and hang up your beautiful snail or even better give it to someone else to enjoy!

Watercolor Outline and Reference Photo

Included is a watercolor reference photo of the final painting. Use this as a guide for an up-close photo.

Also included on the following page is a watercolor outline that you can use to sketch the outline of our natural friend. You can use a light board or your window to do this.

Not sure how to do this? Just tape your outline and watercolor paper to any window during the day and use it as a "lightbox". You can also purchase a lightbox on Amazon or download a Softbox app for your iPad (I use the white setting).

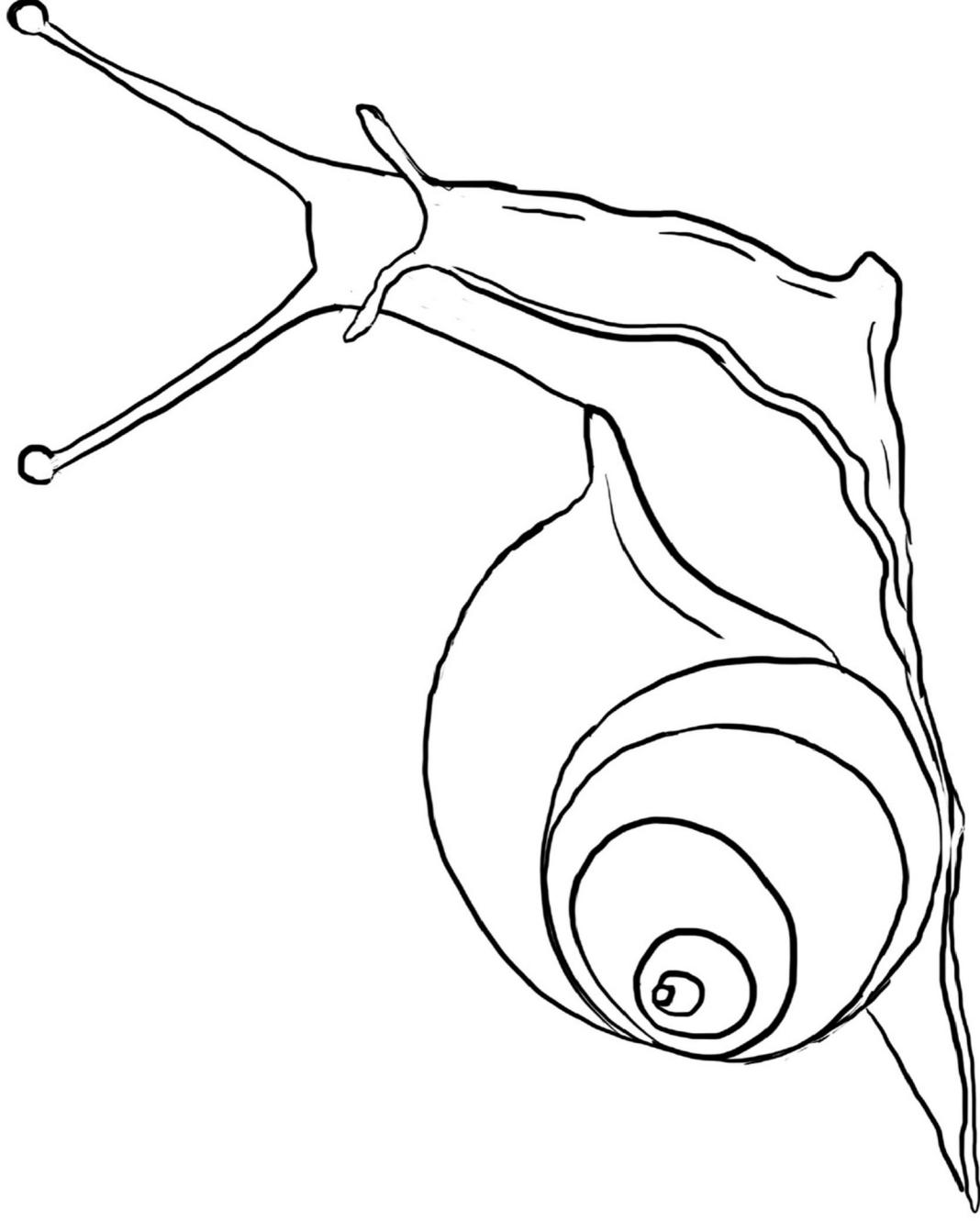


Coloring Pages of Our Natural Friends

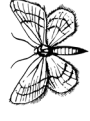
Also included are coloring pages of our natural friends. If you aren't up to painting today or have a child who isn't quite ready for painting, print the coloring pages of our friends.

More details are included in these coloring pages as compared to the watercolor outline pages.

WATERCOLOR OUTLINE



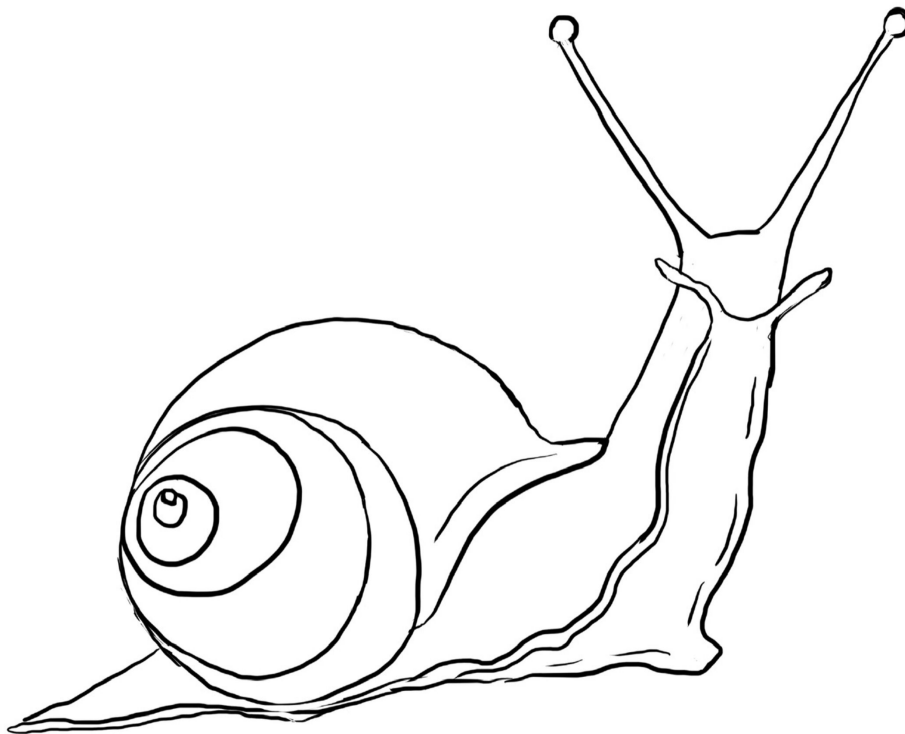
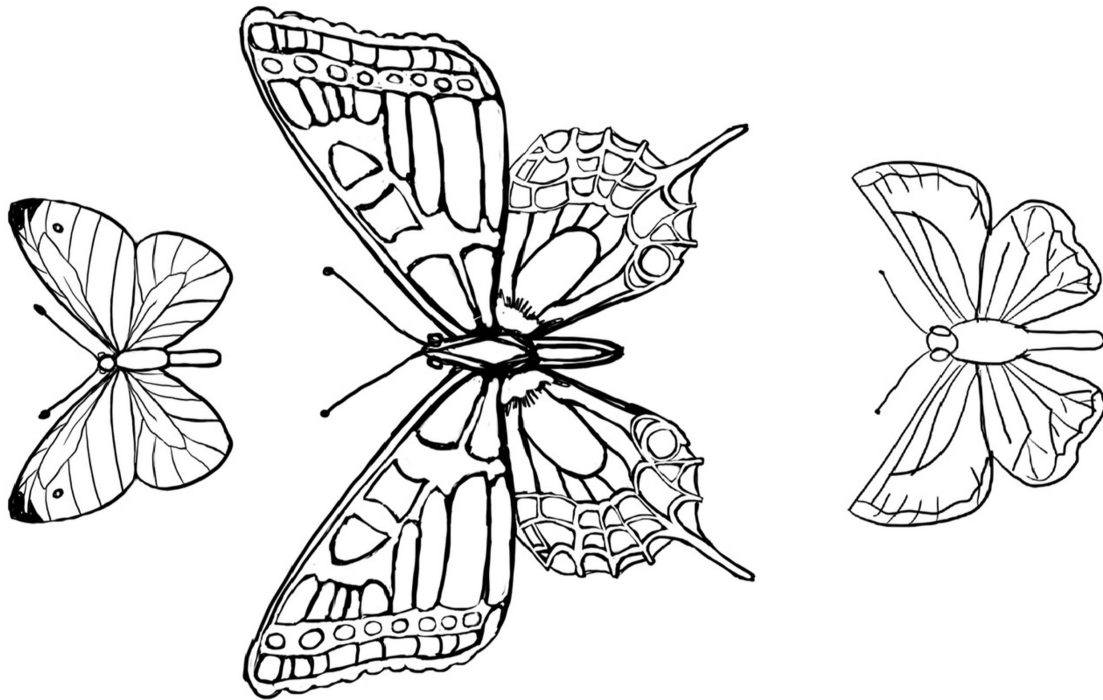
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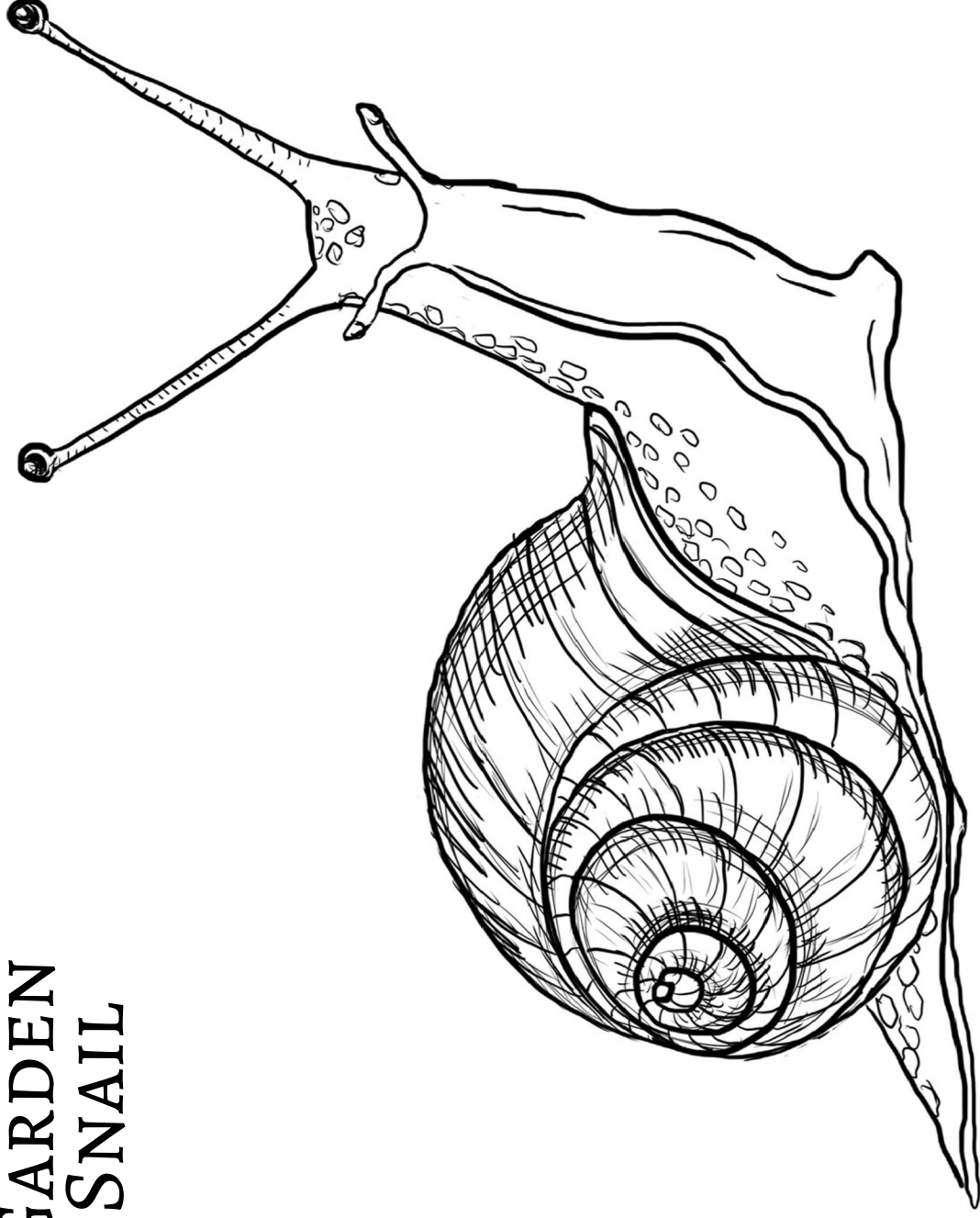
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