

## 5x7 Stippling Assignment

Help, I see dots in my sleep!

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**Materials:** Pen & Ink, watercolor

**Timeframe:** 8 classes

**Dimensions:** Image area: 5x7 Paper Size: 8x10

You MUST include the border around your image. All borders MUST be roughly the width of the steel inking rulers in the art room. Consistent border size will make the work look much more professional when displayed.

**Description:** Choose an image that inspires you. Since Christmas is around the corner, you could choose this subject matter as your theme. The image size is quite small so focus on something that you can do with limited time and space. This project is tedious and time-consuming, but with perseverance and patience, the results are spectacular...REMEMBER, you can sketch the original design with **6H or HB PENCIL**, on your page as a guideline. Use a very light wash to add color to your image, but when you start the inking process, you must use **only dots**.

**Evaluation:** Elements and Principles of Art  
Effort/Perseverance  
Creativity  
Craftsmanship/Skill

**Advice/Tips:**

- \*Do not outline the image in ink first (with either lines or dots)
- \*Add the watercolor washes before inking as the ink may run if not properly dry.
- \*When loading the nib with ink, shake off excess ink before dotting your final work. TRUST ME!
- \*If the nib becomes clogged, you may just have to make a few lines on a scrap piece of paper to get the ink flowing, or dip the nib *quickly* in water. If this doesn't work, look at the tip to make sure it's not bent or broken. If it's not broken, you may just need to clean and dry the nib and start again.
- \*Use the nib at a 45 degree angle (or at a comfortable angle in your hand. DO NOT hold it at a 90 degree angle, as you may break the nib...Broken nibs get costly!!!
- \*Use a paper towel to remove the nib from the pen holder for cleaning. Wash with warm soapy water, dry thoroughly (when drying the holder, pounce it on a piece of paper towel to remove water and ink from the holder). Return to me as two pieces. Wait until I take it directly from you and check your name, and condition of the materials. If you break the nibs through misuse, you may be required to pay for the replacement cost of the nib.