



Painting with a Scientist 4: Ladybugs

Adapt this art project to the time and materials you have on hand! You can paint a square canvas with acrylics like Science Mom does in the demonstration, or color this page using markers, crayons, or colored pencils. Whichever approach you take, we hope you enjoy learning about these incredible insects along the way!

Three Cool facts:

**Ladybugs are beetles and most of them are carnivores! They are predators of plant pests like aphids, mites, and whiteflies. This makes them very popular with gardeners and farmers.*

**Ladybugs come in lots of different colors. Red and black and yellow and black are the most common color combinations, but some are black and white, striped, or solid orange. There are more than 5,000 species of ladybugs worldwide.*

**Many species of ladybugs hibernate through the winter.*