



## Drawing Winter Seedheads Worksheet



### STEP 1

Draw the basic shape. This will be your milkweed seed pod.

These seed pods are at the tips of the milkweed plant in order to stand above the snow in the winter and disperse the seeds inside.



### STEP 2

Add some details to the milkweed seed pod. This will hold the milkweed seeds inside.

When the seed pod is ready, it will split open to reveal the seeds inside.



### STEP 3

Add the seeds inside by drawing small ovals. The seeds are neatly arranged inside a milkweed seed pod, but the seeds near the bottom of this pod are just starting to separate.

Each milkweed seed pod can contain over 200 seeds. Many seeds increases the chance that one of the seeds will travel to where it can grow into a new plant.



#### STEP 4

Milkweed seeds have silky filaments attached to one end. Add this by drawing wispy lines from one end of a seed.

These silky filaments act as a parachute to help the seed fly in the wind and travel farther away from the parent plant.



#### STEP 5

Draw the silky filaments for the rest of the milkweed seeds and you are almost done!

Milkweed seeds are arranged so that only a few are released at a time and remain attached to the pod before the wind can carry them away. Otherwise, most of the seeds would fall at the base of the parent plant and have to compete with each other for space, water, and nutrients.



#### STEP 6

Finish it up by tracing your drawing in pen or marker and erasing the pencil marks. You can even take it one step further by adding extra details to make it more interesting - use your creativity!