

Art 8B

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Push yourself out of your comfort zone project

Flower arranging is not something I have ever done much, so originally, I thought I would try it to push myself out of my comfort zone. I live on the edge of a coastal forest, so I thought I would gather wildflowers. I began to do some photography while walking my dog. My first challenge was that my picture would be out of focus because my dog would eagerly strain to keep walking and stretch the leash while I stopped to take a picture! The rhododendrons and other wildflowers were very pretty, so I just wanted to let them grow and live, and not pick them. Then, wild wind storms with heavy rains came and shredded a lot of the plants. I walked in the rain with my dog, and many of the green leaves were glistening beautifully in the soft evening light, but I didn't have a camera. By the time the stormy days had passed, the peak vibrant colors of the flowers had faded. So in the end, I have done some close-up still-life nature photography with Star Wars action figures. The images could be used for digital greeting cards or fun social media post conversation starters.



The softer side of Storm Troopers



Yoda defends the birdfeeder

