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Dragon fruit, also known as pitaya or the strawberry pear, is a beautiful tropical fruit that is sweet and crunchy. The plant the fruit comes from is actually a type of cactus of the genus *Hylocereus*. Originally mainly popular in Southeast Asia and Latin America, dragon fruit is now grown and enjoyed all over the world. Though it may look intimidating with its pinkish-red skin and light green scales, preparing this exotic fruit is easy. You can enjoy eating it in fruit salads, it can be used to create tasty drinks and desserts, and it is a wonderful, healthy snack on its own.

Dragon fruit was named after its appearance—which is somewhat similar to an artichoke—the pointy "scales" around the oval-shaped fruit reminiscent of a dragon.

Dragon fruit has a sweet, delicate taste that could simply be qualified as "tropical." It is described as a cross between kiwi and pear, or kiwi and watermelon. The texture is somewhat creamy with little seeds, similar to that of kiwifruit.

****Please use a dedicated sketchbook or gather papers together in a folder that you can use just for your at home art projects.**

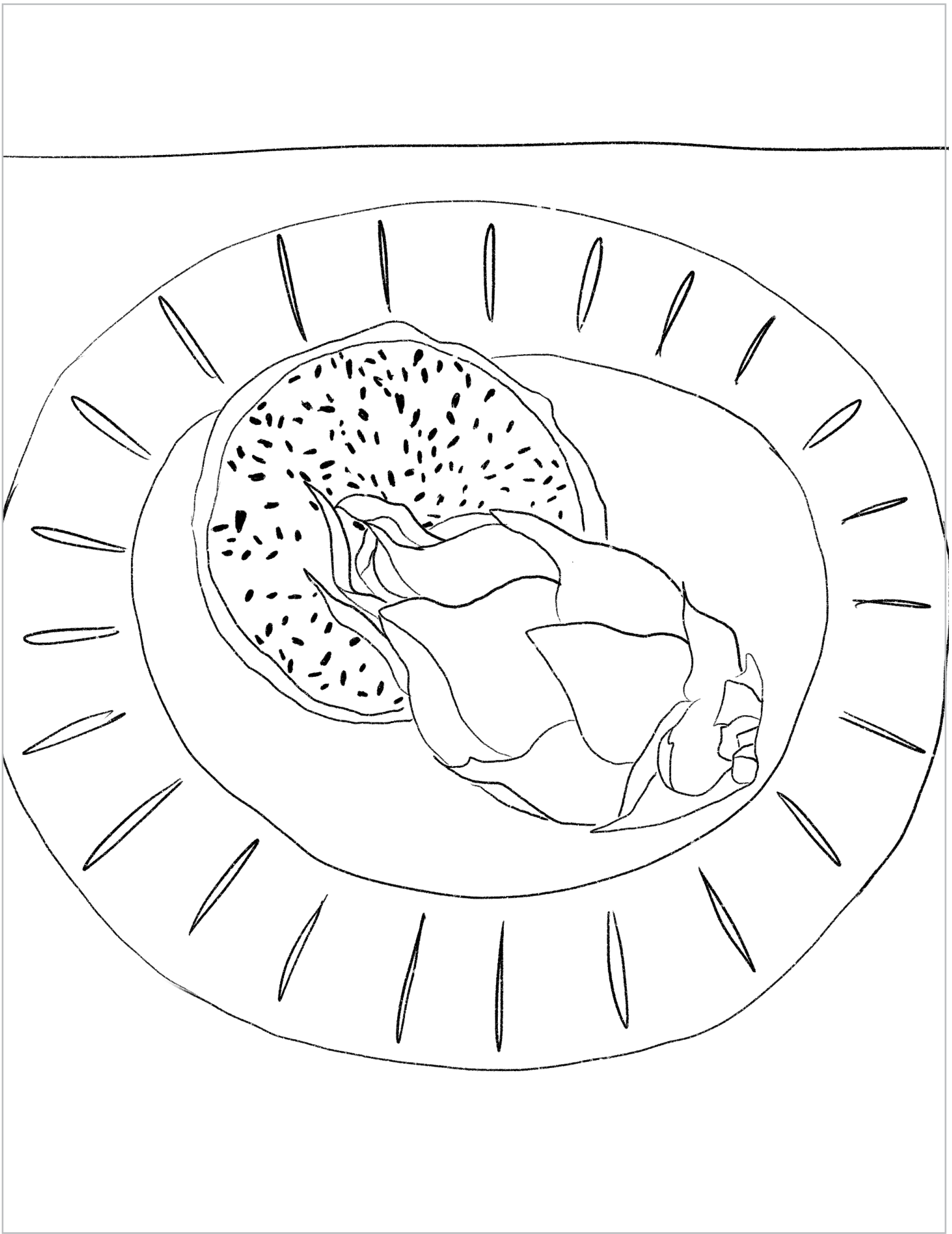
LESSON:

Your task today is to draw and color a dragonfruit on a plate. You may add other fruits into your artwork as well. Make sure you use a reference photo, or a real piece of fruit to draw from. Remember to identify the types of lines you are drawing (straight, curved, angled, dot, circle)

As an extra challenge, grade 4 and up can use their dragonfruit to create a pattern. You will do this by repeating your fruit all over the page to create a pattern. There is a photo in this document that you can look at to get an idea of what this means.

Choose your coloring tools based on what you have available. This project can be done nicely with watercolors, colored pencils, markers or crayons. You can also layer your media : colored pencil on top of watercolor or colored pencil on top of marker.

Follow this link for video demonstration: <https://youtu.be/c6aE7UTng7o>









Pitaya /*pitaya* / féminin ou masculin

Fruit de différentes espèces
de cactus épiphytes, et plus
particulièrement de l'espèce
Hylocereus undatus

yumi
nette

Dragonfruit Pattern

