

FAMILY GUIDE

Meryl McMaster: Bloodline

Meryl McMaster (b. 1988) is a photographer who lives in Canada with nêhiyaw (Plains Cree), Métis, Dutch, and British ancestry. In her self-portraits*, she uses objects to tell stories.

*A self portrait is an artwork that someone makes of themselves.



Butterflies are important to Meryl McMaster because they remind her of her grandmother. What do butterflies remind you of?

CAN YOU SPOT THESE
5 BUTTERFLIES?



MOURNING CLOAK



MONARCH



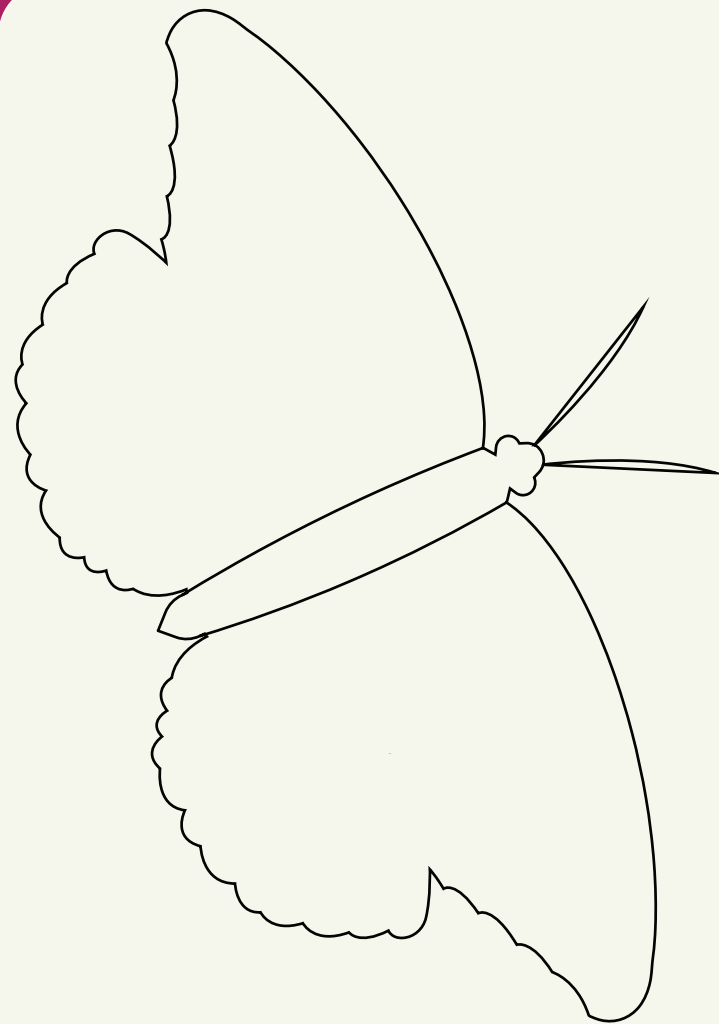
COMMON BUCKEYE



EASTERN TAILED BLUE



TIGER SWALLOW TAIL



DESIGN YOUR OWN BUTTERFLY!



Meryl McMaster (b 1988), *Wind Play*, 2012. Digital chromogenic print. 91.44 x 91.44 cm. Courtesy of the artist, Stephen Bulger Gallery, and Pierre-François Ouellette art conemporian.

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In this photograph, Meryl McMaster is wearing a blue suit she made. Imagine trading places with the artist.

Now *you're* wearing the blue suit in the photograph!

1. How does the blue suit feel? Is it soft?
2. There's is snow on the ground and in the trees. Do you feel cold wearing the suit?
3. Does the blue suit make a sound when it moves? What sound does it make?
4. How do you walk in the suit? Do you walk slowly? Show me!
5. Use your imagination. Are there any animals around you?