

## Name Bugs...

Franz Kafka wrote some strange, horrifying stories. In his famous short novella, *The Metamorphosis*, Gregor Samsa awakens one morning to discover he has transformed into a giant insect. This is indeed, fantastic and bizarre but also turns out to be symbolic and thought-provoking.

This is not a book for you to read at this point in your life, but it does lead us to an interesting, creative, thought-provoking project in which you transform yourself into something bizarre. This time it's not literally yourself, but your name.

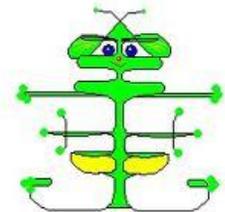
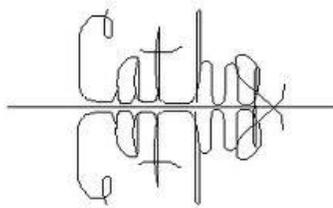


**The first thing you may want to do** is look at some of the student produced name bugs in this section (PDFs on the website)

Additionally, if you Google name bug art project then select the Art Projects of Kids with Kathy Berbro site you will find easy directions. We are using 8 ½ by 11 (or smaller) size paper for our Name Bugs (or creatures) so they can fit into the Antholio.

### Here's the procedure:

1. Fold paper in half
2. In pencil, write or print (preferably write) your name on the fold (you may use first, middle, last, initials or any combination—play around with it to see what you can best build on)
3. Flip paper over and trace mirror image on the blank half using a window pane or light table for light source to make tracing easier.
4. Open the paper to reveal the “skeleton” of your bug or creature. Go over the pencil markings with a thin Sharpie.
5. Using your imagination and shapes, colors, and styles that represent you, build your name bug on or around the “skeleton.” By looking again at the samples, you'll see how this works.



### Here's an alternate procedure that doesn't involve a light source:

1. Fold paper in half
2. With pencil, write your name making the letters at least an inch tall
3. Cut in from the fold along the top of your outline and down the other end to the fold
4. Unfold your bug and turn it over.
5. Fill in the details to make it look creative and somehow “speak to you.”



**Have fun!**  
**This project**  
**won't**  
**bug you**  
**at all.**