

Purple-striped jellyfish

(*Chrysaora colorata*)

“Inspired by an exhibit at the Vienna zoo, this pencil study is an exploration of a Cnidarian’s anatomy and epidermis texture. Mesmerised by the flowing movement of the purple-striped jellyfish (*Chrysaora colorata*) and the gentle pulsations of its bell, I tried capturing this effortless motion on paper. At first glance seemingly delicate, this carnivorous jellyfish is equipped with rows of stinging nematocysts and is often met with prejudice and alarm when coming into contact with humans. What is often missed, however, is just how striking these organisms are when observed up close.”

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