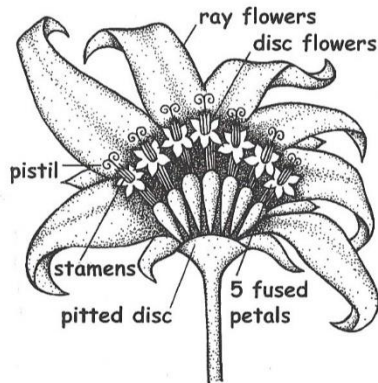


## Aster Family composite flowers



Asters have "composite" flowerheads with multiple small flowers attached to a pitted disc.

## Composite Flowers-Drawing a Daisy-like flower.

- ❖ Check the pose of your flower- how is it leaning?
- ❖ These flowers are circle shapes. Circles become ovals when tilted. Draw your oval. Practice drawing ovals.
- ❖ Find the center. If your flower cups a little, then the center will drop toward you. If your flower petals bend away from you, then the center will move away from you. See Jack Law's attachment.
- ❖ Check its direction and add the stem.
- ❖ Check the shapes of your petals- pull one off- and start laying them in. Remember that they must connect to the center of your flower.

- ❖ Do a petal study for color.
- ❖ Experiment with ways to show the true (disc) flowers in the center of the flowerhead (capitula)- Dots? Small stars? Spirals? If the center is pitted then the inner left side will be in shadow and the right outside will be in shadow. Check out the flowers below by Bente Starke King ([Beautiful Botanicals](#).)
- ❖ Create a beautiful study sheet.



"One must always keep one's eyes, one's feeling, fresh, one must follow one's instincts."

... Henri Matisse, 1869-1954