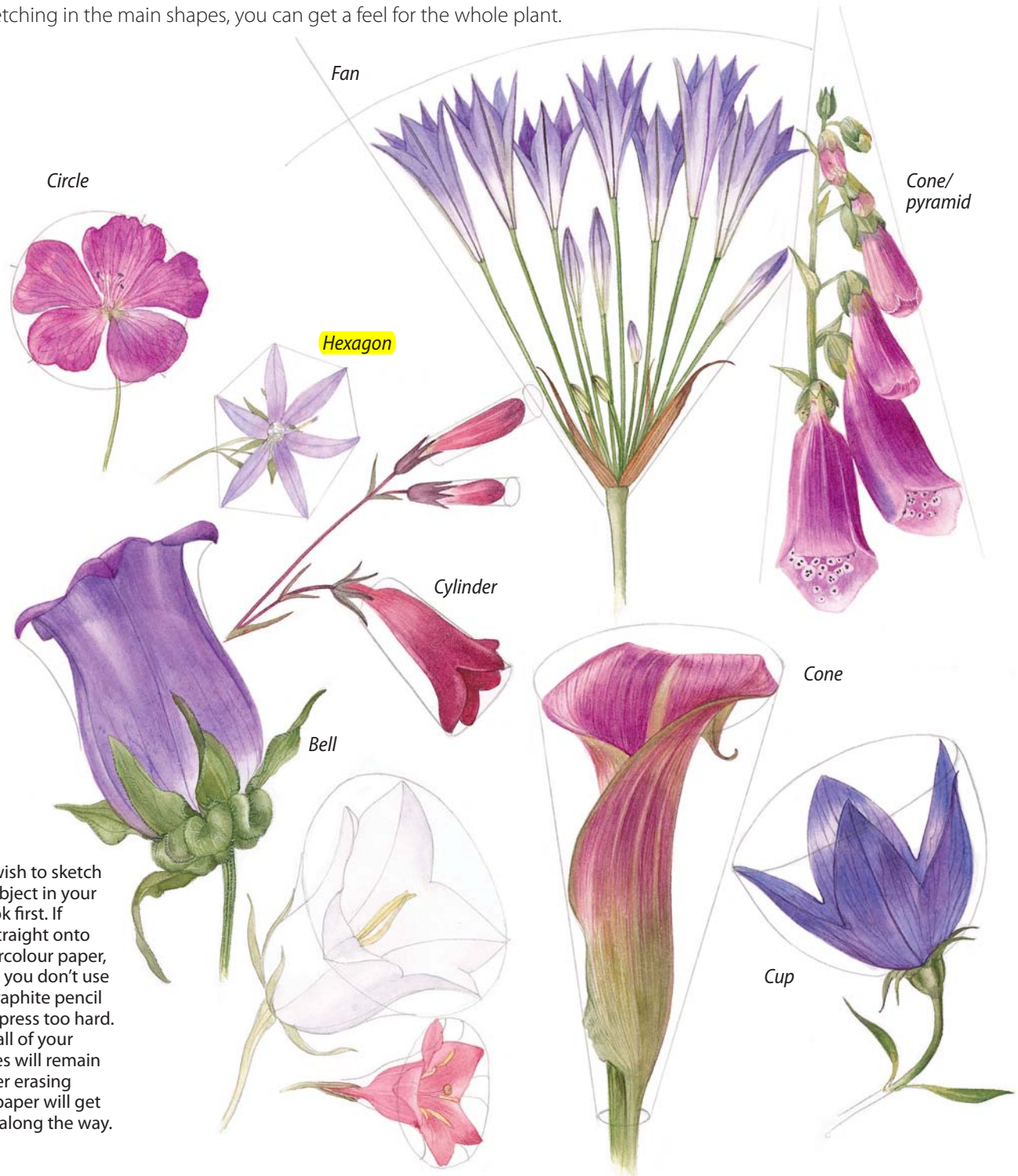


Identifying basic flower shapes

Start by observing the basic, simple shape of the plant, for example a cone, a bell or a triangle. You may feel you just want to draw the plant and don't need to start with a shape, but believe me, it is extremely helpful and can actually speed up the whole drawing process. By lightly sketching in the main shapes, you can get a feel for the whole plant.



Tip

You may wish to sketch out the subject in your sketchbook first. If working straight onto your watercolour paper, make sure you don't use a heavy graphite pencil and don't press too hard. If you do, all of your sketch lines will remain visible after erasing and your paper will get damaged along the way.