

Wild Alberta Sketching

In this presentation

Slides 3, 5, and 7 are short movies (3 to 5 minutes) that you can draw along to.

Slides 4, 6, and 8 have information unique to each species.

Slides 10 through 13 show famous examples of design inspired by nature.

Sketch 1

Draw what you see

Each layer builds adds information

Keep adding and draw 'lightly' at first



GREAT POND SNAIL

Lymnaea stagnalis



Snail mucus Gliding and staying in place

- Snails move around using a large foot
- They produce mucus that their foot moves through
- The mucus helps the foot glide when the snail is traveling
- The mucus also helps the snail stay in one place
- This allows snails to hang sideways and upside down

Sketch 2

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Oncorhynchus mykiss

RAINBOW TROUT



Rainbow Trout *Oncorhynchus mykiss*

- Trout swim upstream. They swim into water vortices, where water flows in circles. By swimming into the upstream flow, they likely save energy.
- Trout can sense magnetic fields. This helps them navigate in water.

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BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE



(Poecile atricapillus)

Chickadees conserve
Energy to survive cold
winters

- To do so, they lower their body temperature
 - They also slow their heart rate
 - They get their name from the sounds they make
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How can
nature
inspire
us?





How studying
BIRD WING
inspired ...



Leonardo da Vinci to enable
HUMAN FLIGHT

How
BUR SEEDS
inspired ...



George de Mestral
to invent
VELCRO



credit: Velcro IP Holdings LLC

How the... **MOSQUITO** **PROBOSCIS** inspired ...



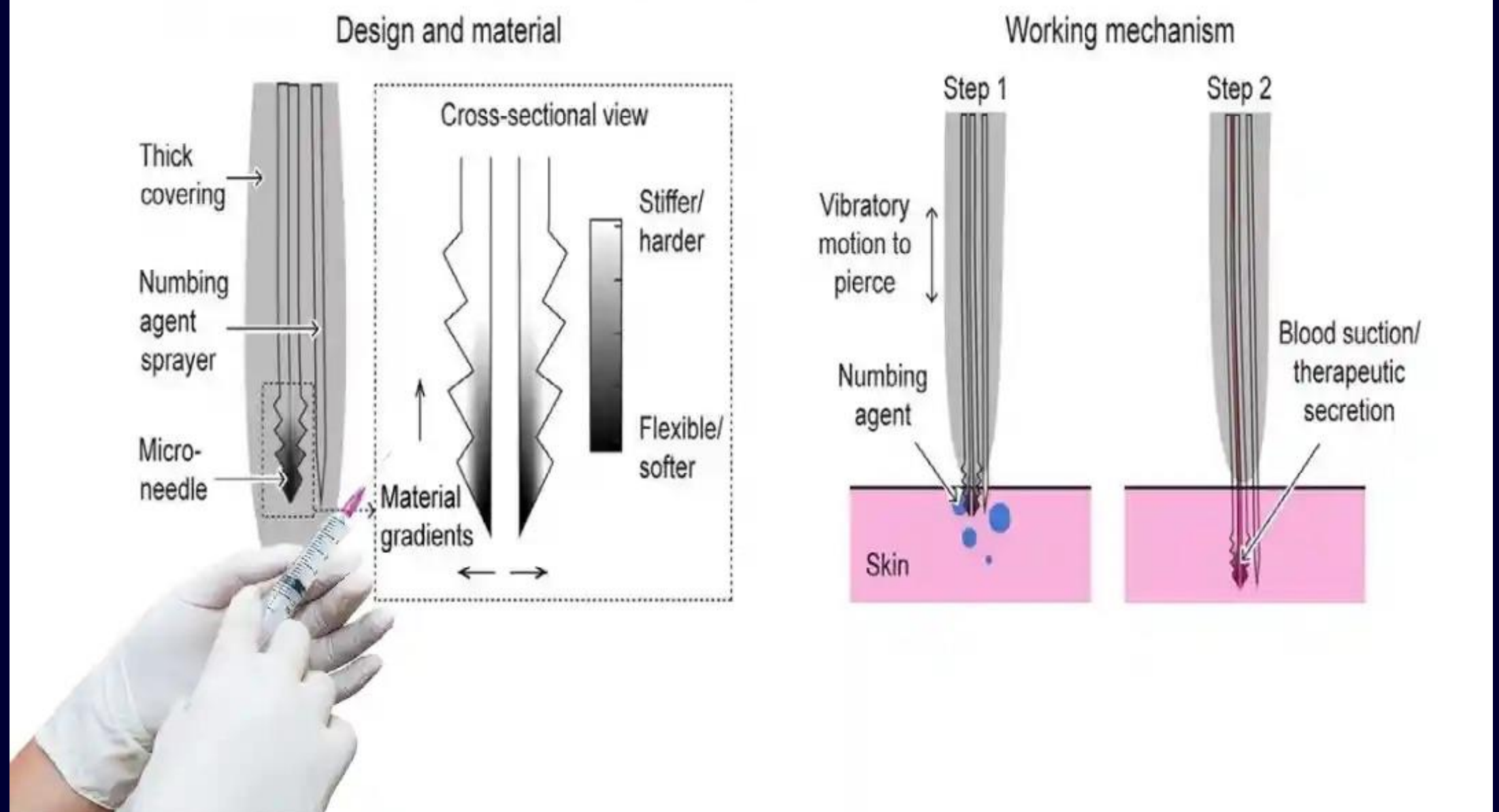
that's a proboscis by the way



a less painful **NEEDLE**

by M K Ramasubramanian, O M Barham and V Swaminathan

Mosquito-inspired microneedle



How the...
Slime Slug
inspired ...



sticky
Surgical Glue



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