

Subject: Fritillary (Snakes Head) *Fritillaria meleagris*

Medium: Acrylic

Size Original: 430 mm x 300 mm

Working Time: Not recorded

Completed:

Comments: **All research photographs by the illustrator.**
The full cycle of the plant were not recorded. Extensive use of wet on wet technique was used the checkerboard patterned petals.

Notes: The Fritillary is a rare native bulbous plant which flowers between April and May. Part of the Lily family, along with the more famous Bluebell *Endymion non-scriptus* Fritillaries are found in damp meadows of the south and central England. When shut the drooping appearance of the flower give its common name of 'Snakeshead'. Although some are all white the plant is noted for its reddish - purple checkered pattern to the petals. The plant can grow to 14 inches (355 mm) high.*

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