Make Your Own Picture of a Beautiful Bride

I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation 21:2)

John saw a magnificent city of pure gold descending from the Lord out of heaven. This city pictures the beautiful teachings of the New Church that the Lord is establishing. When seen as a bride, this city symbolizes our loving response to the Lord and the truths that He gives us. This project invites you to picture a beautiful bride!

**Suggested Materials**
- pencil
- colored pencils, wax crayons, water colors, or markers
- scissors
- glue
- colored paper (8.5 inches by 11 inches)
- optional: metallic pens, pearlescent glitter, etc.

**Suggested Procedure**
1. Think about brides you may have seen at a wedding or in pictures. What do they usually wear? (a long white dress, veil, etc.) What do brides often carry in their hands? (a bouquet of beautiful flowers) Sometimes brides wear a crown or a garland of flowers in their hair.
2. Get a mental picture of the bride you would like to draw. What color hair will she have? What will her dress look like? Will she be wearing a crown or have a garland of flowers in her hair?
3. Start drawing your picture, first using a pencil to lightly sketch the bride.
4. The bride seen by John was wearing a dress of white linen. If you make a white dress for your bride, you may want to cut out your picture and glue it onto a piece of colored paper. (Or fill in around the bride with another color for contrast.)
5. Optional: Use metallic pens or glitter to add the finishing touches to your picture and show that she is a heavenly vision.