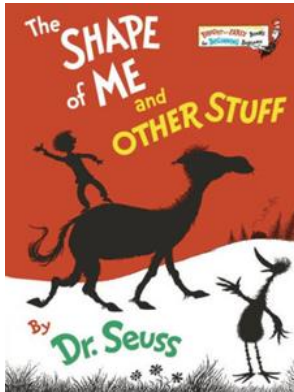


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Silhouette Animal Markings!



Description: young artists learn about the shapes of everyday as well as imaginary objects and use drawing and painting skills to create a silhouette artwork inspired by animal markings.

Story: [“The Shape of Me and Other Stuff”](#) written and illustrated by Dr. Seuss (Turtleback Books; 1973).

Let's Talk about this Artwork

- What do you see?
- This artwork uses the colors black and white. Would you use different colors if you made this art?
- A **pattern** is a shape or line that repeats over and over. Where can you find a **pattern** in the giraffe?
- Trace the animal's outline with your finger. Were some areas harder to trace than others?
- Where is this animal going? What might the giraffe be thinking?
- Make up a name for our animal friend. What adventure is our giraffe friend going to have today?



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Supplies Needed

- 1) one: 9"x12" black construction paper
- 2) one: 9"x12" watercolor paper
- 3) watercolors
- 4) paintbrush
- 5) container for water
- 6) scissors
- 7) oil pastels
- 8) glue stick



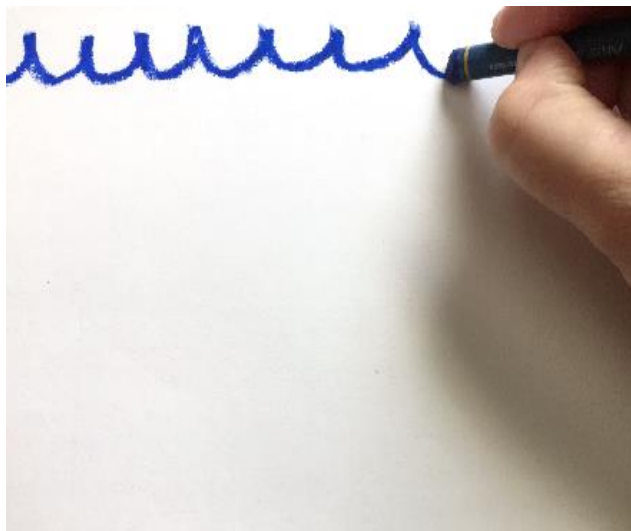
Project Skills

- 1) Fine / Gross Motor
 - a) Painting
 - b) Cutting
 - c) Gluing
 - d) Drawing
- 2) Language development
 - a) Expressive: speaking
 - b) Receptive: listening
 - c) Discussing
- 3) Shape identification
- 4) 21st-Century:
 - a) Creativity
 - b) Problem-solving
 - c) Collaborating

Project Instructions

- 1) Pick an animal to create, and then use oil pastels on watercolor paper to draw the pattern of their markings. We chose a fish, so we filled our paper with fish scales.

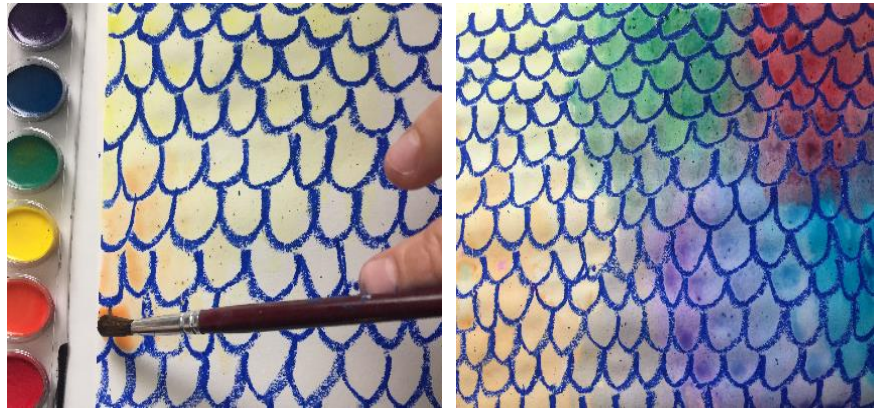
Helpful hint: think of a list of animal features first: fishes' scales, birds' feathers, tigers' stripes, raccoons' stripes, etc.



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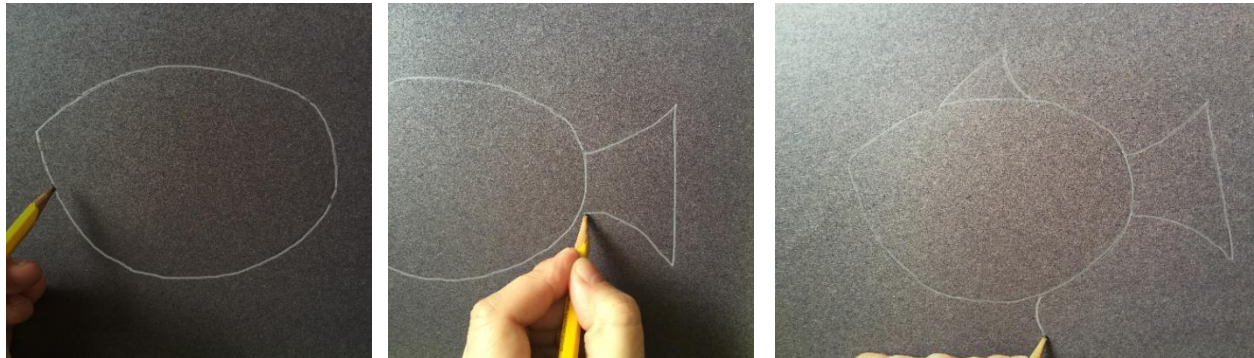
- 2) Paint a background with watercolors and on top of your drawn markings. Blot paper with a napkin or set aside to dry.

Helpful Hint: use more water for lighter colors and less water for brighter ones.

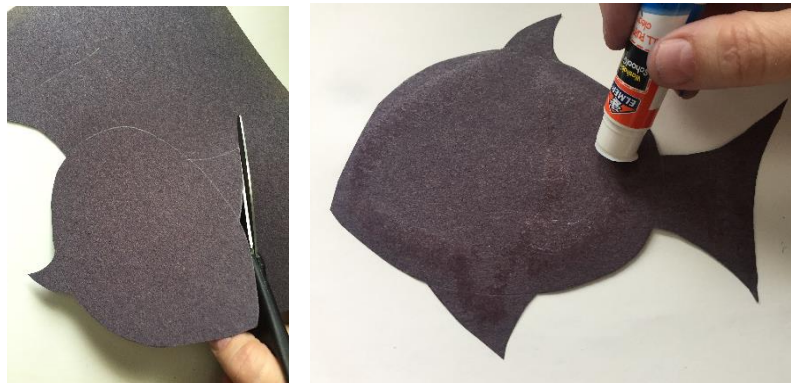


- 3) Draw the animal's silhouette (just the outline) by breaking it down into basic shapes. The fish's body is basically an oval that is pointier at one end and its tail can be drawn as a triangle that stops when it meets the body of our fish. Draw a curved triangle for the top fin and a smaller triangle for the bottom fin.

Helpful hint: It is okay if the shapes overlap in our drawing. We will flip it over when we glue it down so the pencil lines will not show.



- 4) Cut along the outline (or outside edge) of your animal to make the silhouette. Apply glue stick on the side with your pencil markings and then glue down on the painted watercolor background.



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