

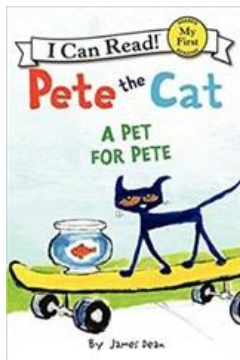


Time: 20-30 minutes

Messiness: moderate

Adult involvement: moderate

Q-tip Painting!

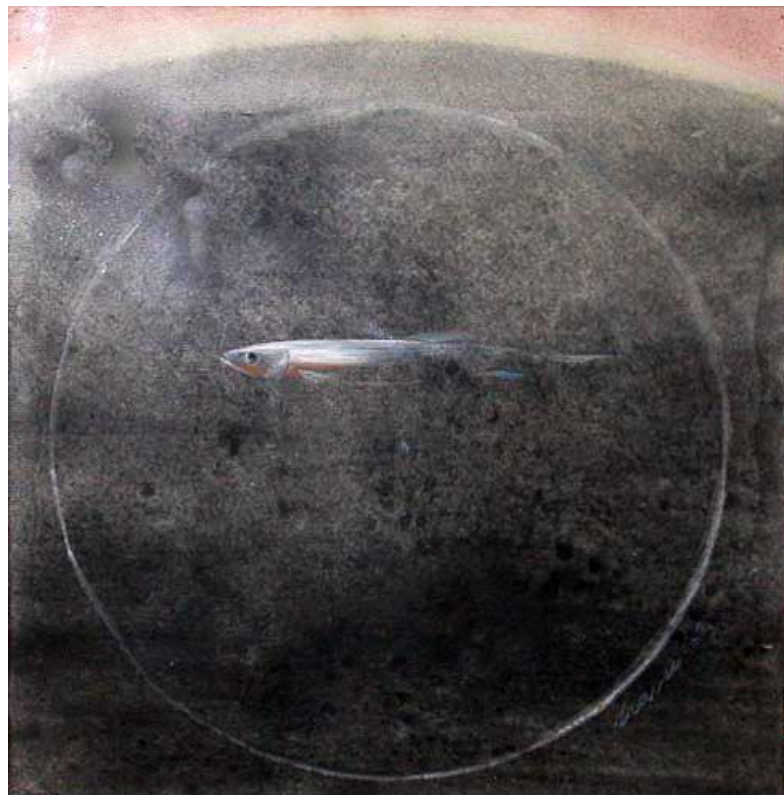


Description: young artists read about a pet goldfish and the art it inspires and use Q-tips to make a painting!

Story: [“A Pet for Pete”](#) written by James Dean and Kimberly Dean and illustrated by James Dean (HarperCollins; 2014)

Let's talk about this artwork!

- What do you see?
- What colors did the artist use?
 - Why do you think the artist chose those colors?
 - What other colors could be used to show water?
- Do you think this fish is a pet or lives in nature?
 - What makes you say that?
- Why do you think the artist drew a circle around the fish?



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Materials Needed

- 1) lightweight cardboard or heavy poster board
- 2) wide masking tape
- 3) tempera paint, blue and white or others
- 4) aluminum foil
- 5) scissors
- 6) Q-tips



Project Skills

- 1) Fine / Gross Motor
 - a) painting
 - b) tool manipulation
- 2) Language Development
 - a) expressive: speaking
 - b) receptive: listening
 - c) discussing
- 3) 21st-Century
 - a) critical thinking
 - b) creativity
 - c) collaborating

Project Instructions

- 1) Cut cardboard into rectangular or square shape.



- 2) Cover your cardboard with aluminum foil. Tape the foil down on the back side of the cardboard. Prepare a painting surface underneath the foil-covered cardboard with newspaper or scrap paper



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- 3) Squeeze paint onto the foil and swirl around with a Q-tip. Does the water swirl, make waves or have bubbles? Dip into larger drops of paint and spread them around your foil.



- 4) Use the clean end of your Q-tip to draw the shape of a fish, (or other water creature). Use a circle or oval for the body and triangular or rounded shapes for the fins and tail.



- 5) Add a pattern of scales to your fish's body. You can also try adding patterns of lines or swirls inside your fish's tail. Finish by adding any other details until you are happy with it.



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- 6) Beautiful! You have made a lovely home for your fish!
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