

The Rainbow Fish and Watercolor Resist

Art activity brought to you by Teaching Artist Lupe Lawrence, with Center for Creative Education.



First, click on this link to hear the story [The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister, read by Ernest Borgnine](#). Ernest Borgnine was a famous American actor.

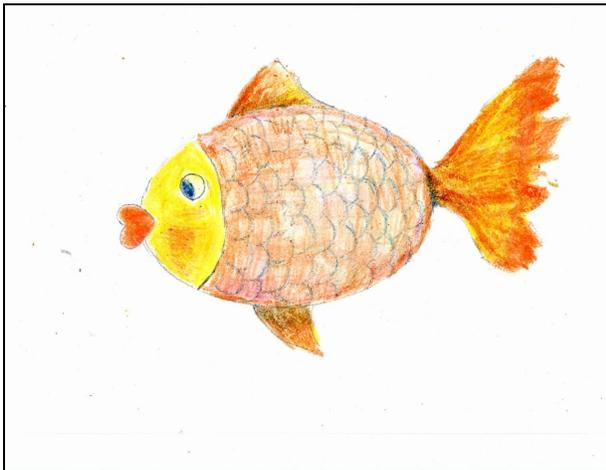
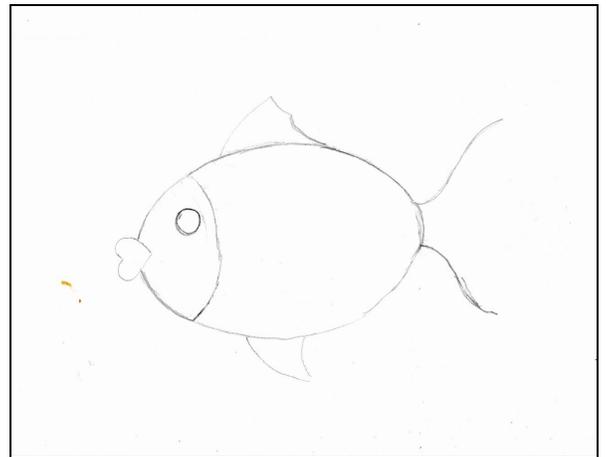
After hearing the story, create your own rainbow fish.

Here are the materials you need:

- Printer paper
- Crayons
- Paint brush
- Blue food color

Here are the steps:

1. Draw a large fish on a sheet of paper.



2. Color with crayon, making sure you use a lot of pigment/color.



3. Once you finish coloring, crumple the drawing into a small ball making sure that you do not tear the paper.

4. Straighten the paper and smooth it out, then paint blue food coloring all over the paper.



Think about the story of *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister. You can imagine you are the Rainbow Fish and think about what advice you would give others. You can write your advice on the back of your picture.

How might Rainbow Fish You answer these questions:

- Why is sharing important?
- What items are precious to you?
- When you share precious items, how does it make you feel?

Extension Activity:

Create a monoprint of an octopus, like the wise octopus in the story.

Draw an octopus on sand paper (any size grit will do) and color with crayons. This will give it an interesting texture.

With parent supervision, turn the sandpaper face down on to printer paper and iron. After that, use blue food coloring to color the octopus that is now on the paper.

Submit a photo of your finished work to Center for Creative Education via email, info@cceflorida.org, with your first name, age, and city or town in which you live, for a chance to have your work showcased on our website or social media pages!

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